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In the next few months political actions will be taken that will affect virtually every reader of The Long Island Fisherman—new appointments to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fisheries Council. In August the two-year terms for New York's At-Large representatives will expire. Under the 200-Mile Limit legislation, Governor Carey is required to send the U.S. Secretary of Commerce the names of three nominees to fill each position. The Secretary of Commerce will then appoint the new representatives from the Governor's nominees.

Of the two present appointees, I feel that Bill Pell of Greenport has done an excellent job and deserves re-appointment. Although a commercial fisherman, Bill has been unbiased and has shown that his primary concern is the revitalization of our marine resources after a decade of rape by the foreign Armadas. But I feel that New York's other rep to the Council, Nancy Goell, is another story. Ms. Goell, a Democrat from East Hampton, by her own admission on many occasions is basically a conservationist with virtually no background on marine fish and fishing—biological, commercial, or recreational. The mechanics of how she received the initial appointment are none of our business, but I feel that it is in the interest of both the commercial and sport fishermen that Ms. Goell be replaced on the Council.

In the next few years, fishermen are going to see management programs placed on everything that swims or crawls in the ocean. Sport fishermen in New York have no one representing their interests on the Council, a shameful injustice that I feel must be rectified with the new appointment. Al Ristori is a New Jersey rep and has almost been a lone voice in the wilderness looking out for us. Readers of Al's column "National Scene" who have followed the inner workings of the Mid-Atlantic Council are aware of two things: actions of the Council have the power to change sport fishing as we know it, and one man on the Council can make a difference.

On the facing page is the letter I have written to Governor Carey asking that he designate Scott Simons to be his first nominee as an At-Large representative to the Council. As readers of The Fisherman know, Scott is knowledgeable in all aspects of sport fishing, and is just as happy to catch a flounder as a striped bass. He's not a scientist or a politician, just another fisherman with sand under his fingernails—exactly what sport fishermen need to represent our interests. But most importantly, Scott is open-minded—he's not "for" the scientists, "for" the commercial fishermen, nor even "for" the sport fishermen. Fishermen who know him will tell you that Scott is only "for" one thing: the fish.

If sport fishermen can unite behind one candidate like Scott, the chances are excellent of sport fishermen finally having a voice on the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fisheries Council that they deserve. So I urge all individual fishermen to write Governor Carey today urging that he submit Scott Simons' name as his first nominee for a seat on the Council. Fishing clubs should also send letters on their official club stationary stating their number of members. Boat captains and those owning bait and tackle shops, rowboat stations and marinas should send their letters on business stationary.

Letters should be sent to:

The Honorable Hugh L. Carey
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The Honorable Hugh L. Carey
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Dear Governor Carey:

On August 11th, 1978, terms will expire for New York's two At-Large representatives to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fisheries Council. As I am sure you are aware, as Governor of the State of New York you are obligated to submit nominations for these vacancies to the United States Secretary of Commerce, who appoints representatives to the Council, in the near future. In that light I would like to ask that one of your nominees be Scott J. Simons, whose resume is enclosed.

Under the provisions of the 200-Mile Fisheries legislation enacted by the United States, eight Regional Fisheries Management Councils were established to devise and implement management programs for our marine resources in order that they may be allowed to recover from the devastation brought upon them as a result of over-harvesting and habitat destruction by foreign fishing fleets. Each state was asked to send representatives to their respective Councils, the nominees having established credentials as either the head of a respective state's environmental department, a marine biological/scientific background, conservationist, commercial fisherman, or recreational fisherman. Unfortunately, due to the time elements involved, confusion in interpreting the new legislation and political considerations, the resulting make-up of the Councils was decidely lacking in representation for the recreational fisherman. The appointments made for the New York representation pointed to this imbalance glaringly: the Commissioner of the N.Y. State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, a marine biologist, a commercial fisherman and a conservationist—not one of whom, I believe, has even a basic working knowledge or practical experience regarding the needs and desires of the state's millions of recreational fishermen.

It is our firm belief that the 2.3 million sportfishermen that live and fish in the waters of the State of New York not only deserve, but have the specific right to have a fellow sportfisherman like Scott Simons sitting on the Council representing their interests. It should be noted that it was the public outcry of recreational fishermen that brought about the passage of the 200-Mile-Limit legislation that stopped the over-exploitation of our marine resources by the foreign commercial fishing interests—is it now too much to ask that they now have a voice in the implementation of the legislation that they fought so hard for?

I believe that your nomination of Scott Simons will help to fulfill this lack of representation of the recreational fisherman on the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fisheries Council. As Managing Editor of The Long Island Fisherman, he has had extensive daily contact with the constituency he would represent. Scott's views are recognized and respected by our more than 105,000 weekly readers and those in the sportfishing industry via his columns, feature articles, editorials, radio and television appearances and the scores of lectures he has given at fishing clubs and organizations—support which I'm sure will be confirmed by the volume of mail you will be receiving shortly urging his nomination.

In conclusion, I urge that you recognize the need for a sportfisherman as one of New York's at-large reprentatives by nominating Scott Simons for one of the vacant seats. Furthermore, I urge that his name be submitted at the top of your list of nominees in order to designate him as being your first preference among same.

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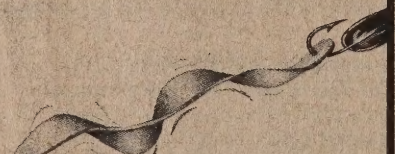

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Man, Fishing & Technology

Each spring the drama repeats: fish and fishermen become locked in the classic ecological struggle of the hunter and the hunted. It may sound strange to use the word "ecological," but after all, isn't man a part of the natural world?

The classic role of man on planet earth has always been one of the gatherer—which is a form of hunting in which the prey may be a raspberry instead of a deer. Later, perhaps as long ago as one million years, man organized into more formal hunting and agricultural societies. The beginnings of agriculture holds great significance even beyond those that are so frequently expounded upon by anthropologists. Early attempts at agriculture represent man's first formal attempt to **manage** wildlife. Rather than gather it haphazardly, why not grow it close to home?

In the early days man was little threat to a balanced ecology. In many ways, man bore the brunt of nature's hardships and the mortality rate was high. Man's inherent structural and biological weaknesses would have surely brought about his extinction had it not been for the development of technology, made possible by a larger-than-average mammalian brain.

Technology has evolved from a pursuit which only benefitted man, to one which at times threatens his existence through overpopulation, pollution, and overharvesting. Still, we would be justified in believing that another mid-course correction is necessary and that the ship need not be doomed to a cold death in empty space. Technology may need to be controlled, but it does not need to be eliminated.

Those who do not understand management and technological control are quick to suggest that we banish civilized marvels that improved our lives and our recreation. Depth finders are an excellent example. Some "do-gooders" suggested that since depth finders are allowing fishermen to catch too many fish, they should be banned from manufacture, sale, and use. However, depth finders do not catch fish—people do. The depth finder is a tool to help the fisherman, just as rods, reels, hooks, waders, outboards, and sinkers are tools. We are tool makers and so we should make and use tools.

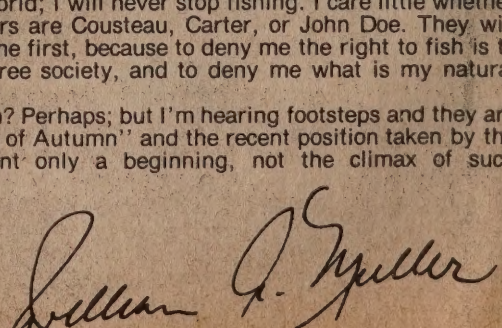
We should be careful not to misrepresent what man is: what nature designed us for. We are omnivores; we are hunters, gatherers, tool makers, and growers. The construction of large cities and mechanized civilization has not and cannot change our genetic design. Those who do not understand what fishing is all about and who do fully understand man's ecological niche, suggest again and again that we should stop killing animals. What, then, shall we eat? Why is it better, more moral, to kill living plants? Shall we ask the lion to stop killing zebras, the kodiak to stop killing salmon, and the great whale to stop consuming zooplankton by the ton?

The world exists biologically on two engines: eating and sex. If the creatures of the earth, sea, and sky stop eating they will die. Nature builds in an overproduction so that survivors may eat. If the creatures of the planet cease to procreate, there will be neither new generations nor an overproduction to serve as food.

There are abuses, however. The real key to a proper ecology on earth is not to change man's ecological niche, but to define it and learn to live it. To that end, we should learn to control the size of our population, now that technology has prevented much of the formerly natural losses due to disease, predation, and survival competition. We should learn to control our pollution since it harms not only the environment, but ourselves as well. We should learn to manage our wildlife resources and the planet's habitats.

Perhaps the phrase "give me liberty or give me death" can be paraphrased here. In any event, I will never stop fishing, and thus I will not stop killing some of the fish that I catch: enough to eat. I do not care what laws may be decreed in the future under pressure from "do-gooders" who seek a sterile undynamic world; I will never stop fishing. I care little whether the names of the law-givers are Cousteau, Carter, or John Doe. They will have to lock me up or kill me first, because to deny me the right to fish is to deny me my liberty in a free society, and to deny me what is my natural ecological niche.

Is this an over-reaction? Perhaps; but I'm hearing footsteps and they are getting louder. "The Guns of Autumn" and the recent position taken by the Cousteau Society represent only a beginning, not the climax of such sentiments.



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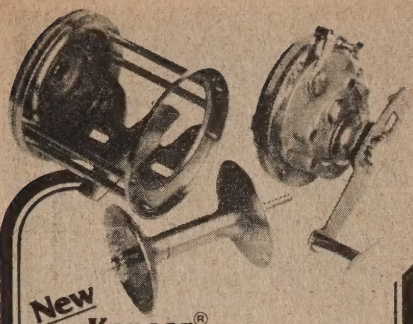

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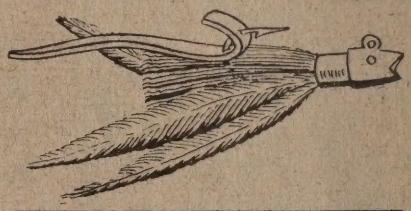

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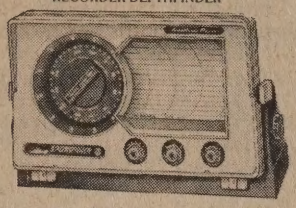

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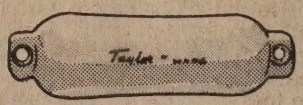

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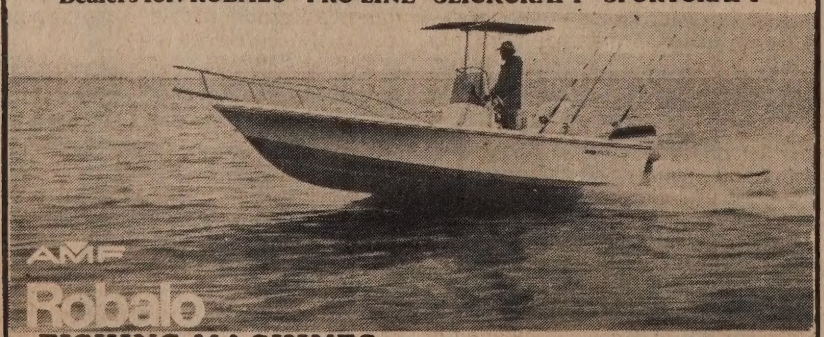

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CHUM LINES

COLLECTION OF THOUGHTS ON 26-INCH BASS LIMIT FROM READERS

Al Ristori's recent National Scene article and Capt. John DeMaio's recent letter in chum lines, have prompted a number of letters from readers. Some of these appear below and we hope that this airing allows for the exchange of a variety of thoughts from different sources on the topic.

A thousand miles or so from my charter rig, high above the old Mississippi, I can't help thinking if the catfish are any better off than our beloved striper.

Hell, John! (DeMaio)..They are growing them in backyard pools down there. Perhaps the lab will prove our only solution. Even as you suggest "you'll survive," so I am equally sure the rest of us will. I'm aboard this air yatch simply because the charter business doesn't pay the groceries now.

I'll cast my vote with you and lots more. Twenty-six inches can't hurt what you haven't got. Perhaps a maximum of twenty-five pounds would really accomplish something. Give the mothers a chance. **Capt. John C. Henning, "Blue Claw."**

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Dear Scott,

Thank you for publishing my letter and Capt. DeMaio's article in the same issue.

I do **not** want John to change his occupation, and I do understand the economics of charter boat fishing which requires large, saleable catches to degray the expenses, for most of us cannot lay out that kind of money very often without some return.

I am a surf-and-structure fisherman who has never been on a charter boat, and perhaps shouldn't compare what I know with that I don't. Since I am a purely sport fisherman, I release most of my catch. But my expenses are minimal.

Allow me to apologize to you, and especially to Capt. DeMaio, for sounding like a smug, self-righteous lead-head. My intention was to agree with John's suggestion for managing the fishery, and to indicate that common sense might not have to be made into law. Fishermen, recognizing the need for conservation, can help maintain the stocks by simply releasing more, and wasting less.

If the M.B.A. members would voluntarily set bag limits on certain species, their lead might be followed by others, thus limiting areas where legislation and regulation become imperative. Conservation is everybody's business. To paraphrase Will Rogers, "I never kept a fish I didn't like well enough to eat!"

With warm regards, I am Sincerely, **Frank J. Barresi.**

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I would like to add a few thoughts to Scott Simons' answer to Mr. J. Barresi of Woodhaven, N.Y. The problem concerns Capt. John DeMaio's so-called dual set of rules on conservation vs. charter fishing (Vol. 13, March 9, 1978).

It is sometimes difficult for the average layman to see both sides of a problem clearly, or fully understand either. Twenty years ago, any charter was thrilled at the sight of two sleek 20 lb. bass lying in the fish box, and ecstatic after landing one 30 or 40 lb. fish. The more relaxed attitude of the times, allowed people to charter a boat for enjoyment, sport, and relaxation; three commodities that are rarely seen today. The average charter of today asks how many boxes you caught yesterday—or better yet—a recent prospective charter called and before any other question, asked me what my average poundage per trip was. Maybe the stiff competition and declining catches caused the problem, though it really doesn't matter, as the attitude seems destined to stay. In today's charter game, you are rated by your most recent catch or classified "as good as yesterday." The blame should be shared by captain and charter alike, as one could not operate without the other. A few of the old "die-hard" sportsmen and a sprinkling of the new light tackle conservationists, are the only ones who really seem to care. This problem has become a case of basic economics: if you do not produce as well as the next guy, you're out of business—whether you like it or not.

As much as most of us hate being fish hogs, we are all competing for the fast-dwindling business. The only solution as far as I am concerned, is a Federally-set and enforced limit on all catches made by charter, commercial and private boats alike. It should be upheld by all coastal states participating in the striped bass industry (I should receive some poison pen letters for that statement). If our problem continues to fall on deaf ears, our grandchildren will see their striped bass through the glass enclosures of an aquarium. **Capt. Ronald Lepper, Charter Boat "Kim."**

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Congratulations. The new look of The Fisherman is to be commended. Nice diversification—something of interest for all sectors of the angling clan. I am working over the stack that accumulated while I was south, and enjoy each issue. The other magazines will have to wait.

One of Al Ristori's articles disturbed me greatly and I would like to respond in Chum Lines, if I may:

Does Mr. Ristori in his thoughts on striped bass conservation realize that it would mean the virtual elimination of sport fishing for surf casters and jetty jockeys at just about everywhere short of Montauk? Legal sized bass are hard enough to come by now without his inflated size limit. We spend many of our hard-earned dollars in local tackle shops and they certainly would suffer a severe economic loss. It might not be a problem for the affuent boatman and charter boats with their sophisticated electronic gear, wire lines and umbrella rigs to locate Ristori-sized fish while cruising the rips, ledges and bars, but has he ever plodded the beaches from Jones Beach and westward? For our part, a 50 lb. limit would be as realistic as a 26-inch one.

After all, doesn't a 50 pounder have more mercury, PCBs and taste even more like hay? They do make nicer pictures stacked up on the dock; what if they are able to reproduce as many fry as a school of smaller fish? The only real solution is to limit the catch. Florida does it with snook and prohibits the sale as well. Sure, there are some cheaters and for awhile, some disgruntled boatmen, but the population holds up rather well in spite of pollution and constant land reclamation. Sometimes you have to step on toes to conserve, even ~~i they~~ are BIG INFLUENTIAL ONES.

Now that I got rid of that steam, I feel better. **Ed Haring.**

TWENTY-SIX INCH BASS LIMIT IS "RIDICULUS"

The 26" limit being proposed by SOS is totally ridiculous.

If it is true that the commercial fishermen of Chesapeake harvest ninety percent of a year class before it makes its first migration, what help would it be to restrict N.Y.S. to 26" when at least ninety percent of these fish will never live to see New York. It seems obvious that Maryland is where legislation is needed—not New York.

This is just another example of useless legislation being proposed by SOS.

In your March 23 issue, you claim that SOS is an authority, but you state they haven't any formal training. Since when does "persistence and independent study" make someone an authority.

In your column entitled "Fish Talk," you mentioned New Jersey has a 20" limit. Unless it has changed recently, I think it's 18".

Also in your column you stated recently coastal management has been started. It states the program has been contracted by NMFS to the **State of Maryland** and **Maryland** will administer the program. Isn't this a conflict of interest, considering that Maryland commercial fishermen are the ones who harvest ninety percent of a year class? **Don Ambrico.**

Submitting legislation that would move to change the legal size limit of striped bass in New York waters is not necessarily useless legislation. It is apparent from what has happened in the past few weeks that not everybody agrees that a twenty-six inch limit is a good idea: there are those who support it enthusiastically and those who oppose it. Management of the striped bass is needed and SOS is attempting to get things off "dead" center by proposing this legislation. Perhaps in the final analysis coastal management of the bass would call for entirely different procedures. I don't think that SOS would object for one minute to a plan that might be passed which would be more effective in successfully managing striped bass than the twenty-six inch limit they are currently supporting. I do not speak for SOS, and I don't wish to presume to do so, but I make that guess because I know that the prime concern of SOS is to conserve the striped bass—not whose legislation is victorious. Independent study is a recognized form of training and many colleges and universities currently offer college credit for life experience and/or independent study. It is true that both formal and informal training can be either good or bad, but the quality of the training usually reflects more on the motivation of the student than it does on the quality of formal accoutrements of education. We are not suggesting that SOS members qualify as fisheries biologists; just that they rate as striper experts.

Oops! You did catch us in an error. You are absolutely correct. The size limit in New Jersey is indeed eighteen inches measured overall. We offer no real comment about the possibility for a conflict of interest. It would seem possible that there might be some room for your argument, but the ultimate performance of the group will be a better yardstick of their motivations than our presumptive foresight. The answer to the striped bass problem is accelerated research and the development of a meaningful coastal zone management program. We said that editorially in 1973 and it's still true now. Thanks for sharing your thoughts with us.

26 INCH LIMIT ALTERNATIVE

This letter is in reply to your recent editorial on the 26 inch striped bass limit.

I am an avid fisherman, but I only get a chance to surf fish on the weekends. In my last three years of bass fishing with my buddies, we caught many fish. But, believe it or not, all of them were school bass ranging from 16 inches to the largest being only 20 inches long.

If the 26 inch bass limit is passed, I'm sure a lot of surf fishermen besides myself would have nothing to show for their efforts. Bass fishing is a great sport, but it makes an even better dinner.

I am submitting an alternative to this problem for fishermen like myself who catch bass that are smaller than 26 inches. Why couldn't we use the same method that was used with the codfish bill. If a fisherman was allowed to keep **a bass** under 26 inches, but not less than 16 inches a day, it would be fairer to the surf fisherman.

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this letter in hopes that other fishermen will voice their opinions also. **Frank Caruso.**

BEST TACKLE FOR FLOUNDER AT CAPTREE?

Since we find your magazine to be most helpful and informative and truly devoted to the fishermen, it is only natural that we seek your advice.

Perhaps you can solve a problem concerning tackle. A bunch of devoted fishermen plan to fish Captree in April for flounders. Never have any of us fished in the Great South Bay on one of the open boats. The question is: what is the standard tackle used on these open boats to bring flounder aboard? Conventional or spinning gear? What pound test? What is the maximum and minimum weight sinkers used? The reasons for such questions is , simply this—we just don't have the car space for each of the fellows to bring both outfits.

Won't you please answer these seemingly foolish questions. We are trying to conserve the space and at the same time, be completely prepared. We truly enjoy articles by Matt Ahern.

Although each flounder fisherman has his or her favorite tackle for the sport, there really is no "one way" to go. In Great South Bay, a two hook tandem rig used with a sliding egg sinker is very popular, although other types of rigs work well, too. Spinning tackle used for flounders is more popular than some years ago, because light spinning equipment allows the flatfish to put up a struggle. This may seem like a hedge, but spinning gear and conventional are good, as are egg sinker rigs, fish finder rigs, and any other combination that succeeds. Use what you feel comfortable with and the chances are that it will work for you. No captain is going to throw you

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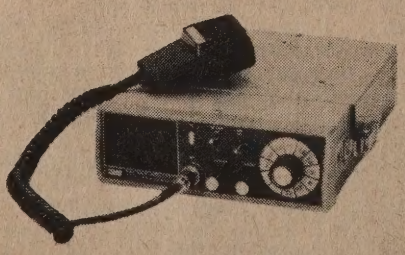

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off the boat because your tackle is a little different from other fishermen's. Then too, you can always ask the captain and mates for their suggestions. Most hook and sinker rigs are sold onboard. Here's hoping you and your friends catch your share of fun and fish.

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As a senior citizen, I am looking for a hobby to occupy my time. The hobby I would like is Rod Building. Although I am not a total novice, I do need the finer points of help. I've written to a few of the rod material distributors, bought books and made calls—but to no avail. I cannot find a Rod Building Seminar in the FLUSHING AREA. I saw the one in Volume #10, but Babylon is too far.

If you know of anyone teaching this beautiful pastime, I'd appreciate your efforts.

Subscriber since you started, **R. Pecknic, Bayside, N.Y.**

Rod building seminars may be tough for you to attend since most will be some distance from your home. Perhaps a better idea would be to read L.I.F. rod building articles, and books like "Tackle Craft" by C. Boyd Pfeiffer and "Fiberglass Rod Making" by Dale Clemens; then take a trip to your local tackle shop. The shop owner can sell you the equipment that you need and show you how to apply what you have learned towards making a great rod.

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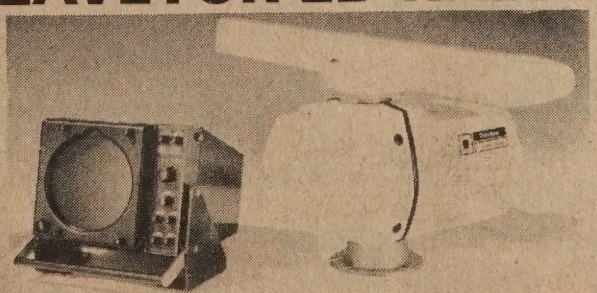

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RISTORI COMMENTS ON INEQUITABLE SCHOOL TUNA REGS

Mr. Wm. G. Gordon
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Dear Bill:

I have gone over the proposed bluefin tuna regulations for 1978 and am pleased with the changes in the giant tuna regulations. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done within the plan to solve our greatest problem—the catching of giant tuna by the Japanese in the Gulf during the spring. However, within the framework we must deal with, the new regulations do provide a longer season and a greater value per fish landed as the catch is spread out over a longer period.

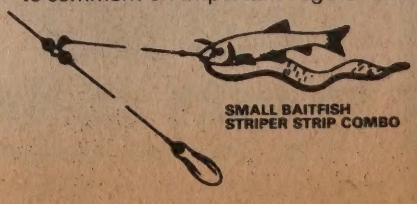
Unfortunately, I must take exception to the regulations for school tuna. In that case, I believe (based on the experience of the last two years) that the proposed regulations are inequitable. During each of these two years, there has been a strong movement of school tuna of various sizes off the Virginia and Maryland coasts during the month of June. For a couple of weeks anglers have had outstanding fishing until the purse seiners moved in to take their quota. Purse seiners accomplish that within two or three days and, in doing so, apparently completely break up the schools present in that area. Virginia anglers told me last year that as soon as the purse seiners were finished the tuna virtually disappeared and it wasn't worth fishing for them the rest of the year.

During both years there has been an almost complete absence of school tuna in the accustomed areas off New York and New Jersey during the summer, resulting in a great loss of recreational opportunities to people who have invested substantial sums in large Sportfishermen designed for offshore work, and to the charter boat fleets of the mid-Atlantic. Your own figures, as printed in the March issue of "Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Newsletter," tell the story. The purse seine fishery for school tuna last year took 39,215 individuals totaling 1,166 tons—far in excess of their allocation. On the other hand, sport fishing for school tuna took only 4,925 bluefins totaling a mere 62 tons—barely more than 5% of the commercial catch. I'm sure these figures would look even worse if one were to discount the large sport catch made during the first couple of weeks before the purse seiners arrived off Virginia and Maryland. Indeed, according to Russ Cookingham, the total sport catch off the New Jersey coast last year was an incredibly low 557 individuals.

When bluefin tuna regulations were first proposed, they were sold to the sport fishermen on the basis that everyone had to make a sacrifice in order to bring the bluefin tuna back and that the regulations would be equitable. Most sport fishermen quite rightly wanted an end to the purse seine fisheries, since there is little question but that the excessive purse seining of the sixties led to the almost complete destruction of tuna year classes over that decade. Sportsmen's representatives were assured that the school tuna resource could be equitably shared with the purse seiners and were asked to obtain the cooperation of anglers on that basis. Yet experience has indicated that there has not been an equitable sharing of the resource. If the situation were reversed the purse seiners would be marching on Washington, and yet there doesn't seem to be any hesitation on the part of the NMFS in authorizing the purse seiners to take 1,000 metric tons again this coming season, even though they far exceeded their allocation last year.

I'm well aware of the fact that both the seiners and NMFS personnel insist that there are substantial quantities of school tuna available, even though they haven't come within the range of New York and New Jersey anglers during the past few years. Even conceding this point, it seems clear that the purse seine operations in June have an effect on the migratory patterns of school tuna. There is a good chance that if purse seining operations were not conducted off the Virginia coast in June these fish would continue their normal migration to the north and be available to anglers throughout the mid-Atlantic during the summer as they were year after year in the past. This problem could be equitably resolved by simply pushing back the purse seine season to sometime after Labor Day, just as is done with the purse seine fishery for giant tuna. By that time, anglers would have had their fair shot at the available school tuna and most of the pressure would be off the resource in any case, since business drops off considerably after Labor Day and many charter boats start fishing for inshore species. Another positive factor in terms of conservation would be the fact that the fast-growing tuna would weigh more in September and the seiners would be taking fewer individuals while catching their allocation. This relatively simple change would provide the equity that is now totally lacking in the regulations and assure sportsmen's support for the bluefin tuna program. If NMFS continues to pursue a course which is likely to result in another disastrous year for tuna anglers, loss of support for all of its programs and policies will be inevitable.

One other very important point: the lack of a public hearing on the proposed regulations in New York was an indication of bad faith to begin with. Tuna of all sizes are very important to the sport fishing fleet all the way from Sheepshead Bay to Montauk. Indeed, this is probably the largest fleet involved in the fishery—at least when there are some fish available! Once again, public support is hard to come by when the public isn't given a reasonable opportunity to comment on important regulations.



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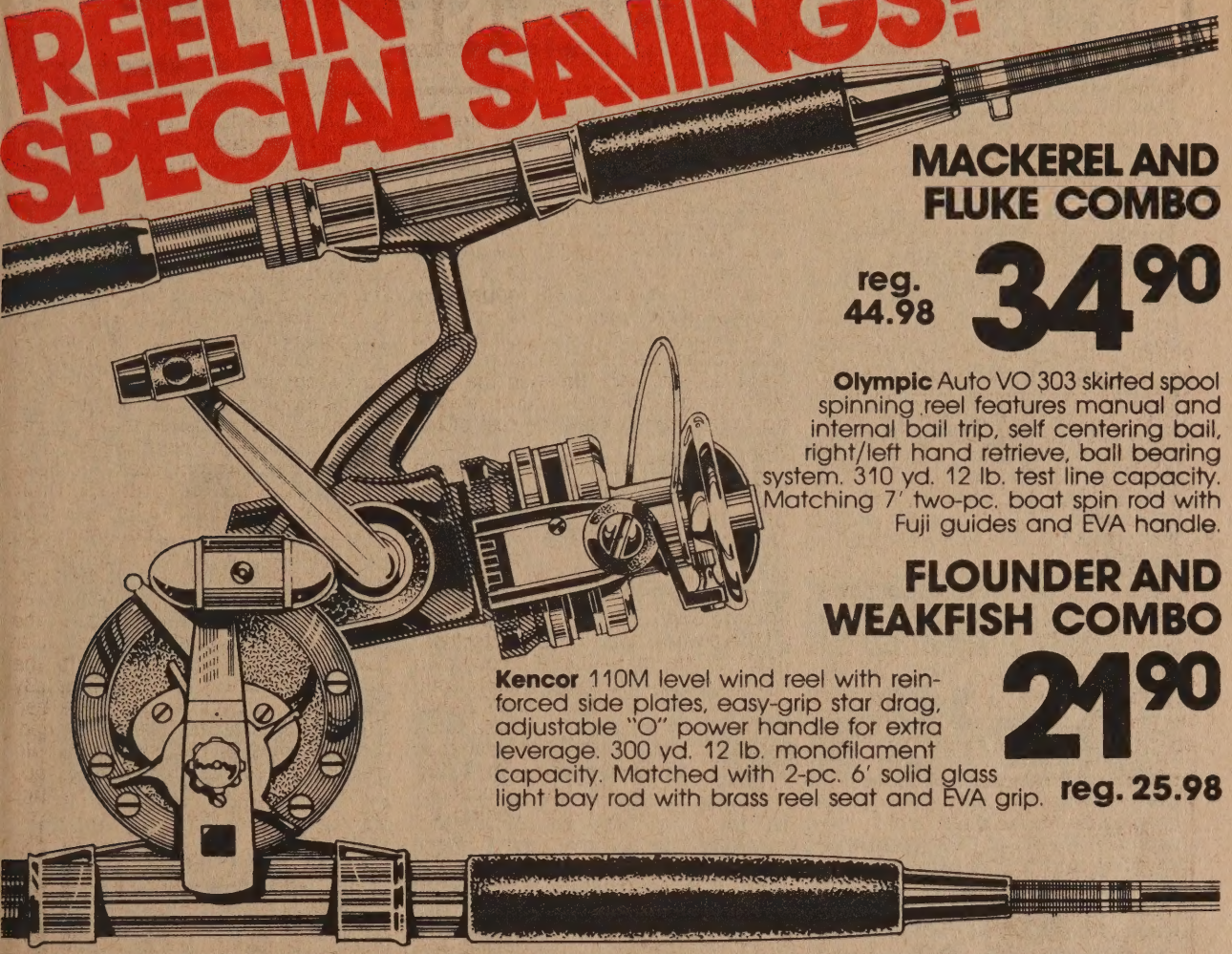

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CATCHING EARLY SEASON GAME FISH. I must admit that my luck with bass, blues, and weaks in local waters during April has been meager at best. Few fishermen seek blues during April on purpose, but they do show up in the catches from time to time. Bass and weaks are something else again. A reader asked recently: "I think that I have had hits from time to time, but I have trouble hooking the fish. What am I doing wrong?" We doubt that you're doing anything wrong. The lack of success with early season game fish, even when you find them, is more likely a result of the attitudes of the fish—not the fisherman's lack of skill. Just to make sure, we checked around with some of the best early season fishermen that we know of. They all agreed that the temperature of the water is the key factor. When the water is cold, the fish are not as active. Therefore, these skillful anglers agree, the fish do not strike the bait hard. Instead, they mouth it. They suggest that the fisherman stay on his or her toes and strike back at any indication that something is touching the bait or lure. As one fella put it: "You may get tennis elbow jerking that rod up and down all day, but you'll catch some fish, too."

WAKE UP AMERICA, WE ARE A VITAL ECONOMIC FORCE! In 1970, recreational fishermen spent $7.1 billion across the nation while pursuing their chosen sport. This dollar value ballooned to $21 billion in 1977! That means that the dollar value of our industry is now competing with such recognized business activities as the automobile industry, some aspects of farming, and other manufacturing and service industries. Maybe officials in Washington had better add fishing to the list of key economic indicators along with new cars sales and housing starts.

ARTIFICIALS FOR FLOUNDERS. Dick Mermon of Shakespeare Tackle Co., assures me that he has caught winter flounder on plastic worms. I'll not be a skeptic since I have never tried it, but we did ask Dick to take some pictures and write an article for this publication so that we can all share in how-to-do-it! He agreed, and so now all we have to do is wait.

NOT MUCH CHANGE EXPECTED WITH MACKEREL! Members of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fisheries Management Council tell us that the management plan for mackerel will only maintain the stocks at their present level. This may not seem like good news, but prior to earlier inflated allocations set before the Council developed its plan, these allocations present a great triumph of the Council over bureaucratic inertia. Therefore, officials believe that schools of mackerel will once again be smaller than usual this year as the Bostons migrate along our shore and spill into Long Island Sound. Therefore, it might be a good idea to keep a close eye on our fishing reports so that you can get a few trips in before the schools move past us into New England.

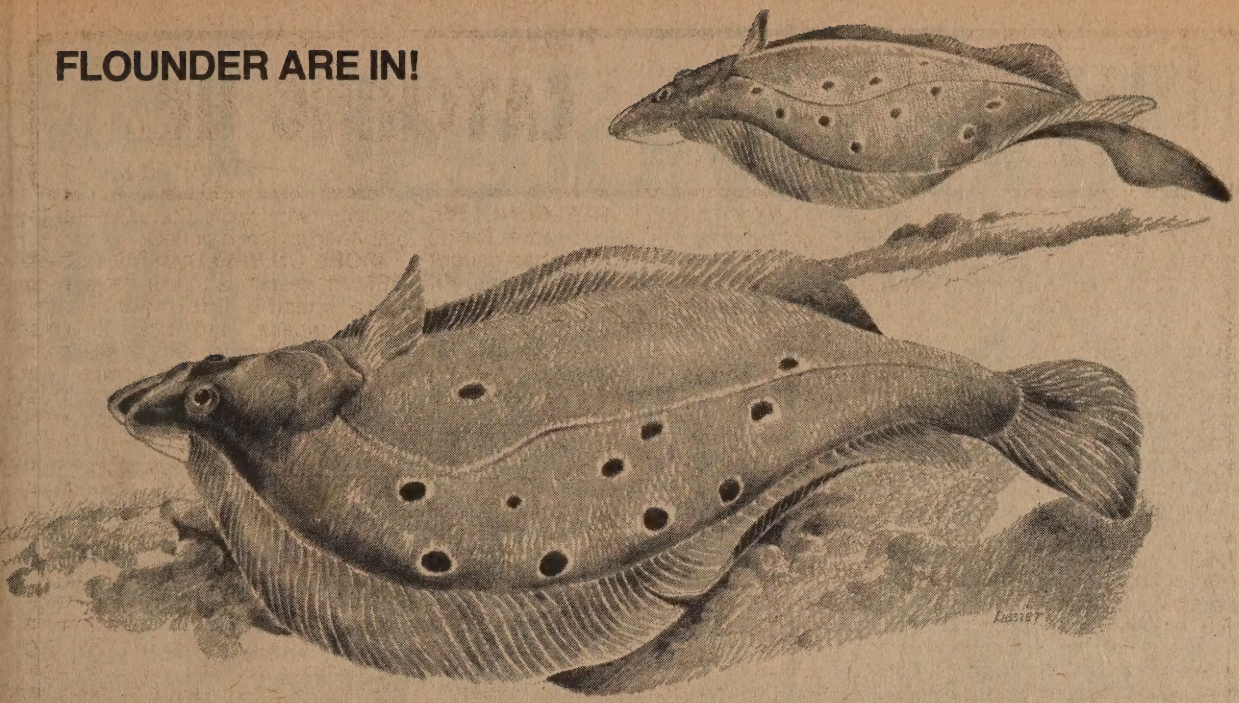
MACKREL TIDBITS. We were reminded several times during the last few weeks to tell our readers that mackerel trees are really more complex in their function than would seem to be the case. Brightly colored tubes take plenty of fish, but the flash of the shiny diamond jigs brings the fish a running to the tree. Fishermen who have had to improvise with dull sinkers and tubes report that their success is not up to snuff. It would seem that the combination of a calm sea, bright sun, diamond jig, and multiple small tubes are the ultimate "bill of fare" for mackerel fishing. Although mackerel are effective predators in their own right, remember that bass, blues and sharks find them a perfect cup of tea! As the season progresses, keep an eye out for signs that bigger game are stalking the macks! Many a trophy has graced a wall via that route!

WHITE PERCH FOR A CHANGE? A number of the free lance writers for the Fisherman and other anglers have been telling us about high quality white perch fishing that is readily available around Long Island. They say that except for a few fishermen here and there, few people try for the species. They are great eating and scrappy fighters on light tackle. Some of the good spots that have been reported to us for early season fishing include Mill Creek (south shore Nassau), Pelham Bay (western Long Island Sound), Connetquot River, the Nissequogue River, and rivers in the Peconic system. We are sure there are lots more spots that offer us the potential for good action.

MORE ON YELLOWTAIL FLOUNDER. In response to our request for more specific information about when, where, and how to catch yellowtail flounder in a February issue, a Brooklyn fisherman who wishes to be identified only as "Sea Robber," wrote to us and filled in the following information. He indicates that yellowtail are available from around the twenty-second of February in mild winters and about the fifth of March during cold winters. Sea Robber gave the impression of great authority in his letter, so we take it that these dates represent averages taken from his fishing log. Concerning where-to info, Sea Robber suggests that we fish close to surf beaches where there are known clam beds. Clam beds can be identified by looking for areas where sea clams wash ashore during and after northeast storms. Sea Robber suggests that we anchor in water that is between eight and fifteen feet deep. He writes simply: "Small hooks." I take it that standard flounder hooks such as Number six, eight, ten Chestertowns and Number six Sproats should fill the need. Best baits our friend suggested, are worms and soft clams—pretty standard fare for flounders regardless of their ilk.

YELLOWTAIL MOVE AROUND. Unlike their blackback cousins, yellowtail move around in search of bait. Sea Robber does not suggest the use of a chum pot in his letter, although perhaps he meant to. He says that if we are anchored in the right spot, we should spray casts all around the boat and retrieve slowly. If fishing close to the breakers is not your cup of tea, Sea Robber says that the potential for good yellowtail fishing exists on mussel beds that lie in fifteen to twenty feet of water. Our respondent writes that it is important that the hooks stand away from the sinker for best results. This is easy to achieve where the currents run at a good clip around points of land and over shoals, but may present a problem in some places. He also says that we can buy yellowtail flounders if we pay a visit to the docks. Draggers often come into port with what fisheries biologists call "incidental catch" or "by-catch" and although there may not be enough yellowtail to fill a box, there are sometimes enough for the commercial fishermen to sell to folks on the dock. Sea Robber ends his comments by writing boldly that a prospective yellowtail fisherman should **ask questions!** Thanks, Sea Robber, your info was honest and directly stated. It may be a little late for this year's run, but some of us will store the information away to be used next year.

FLOUNDER ARE IN!



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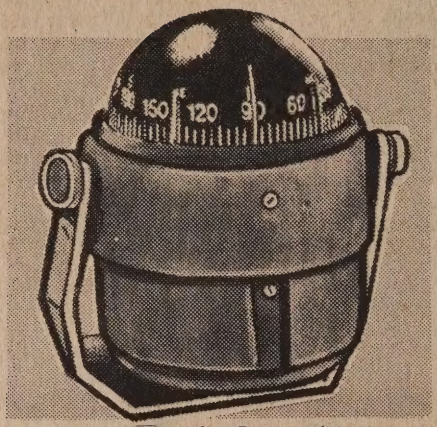

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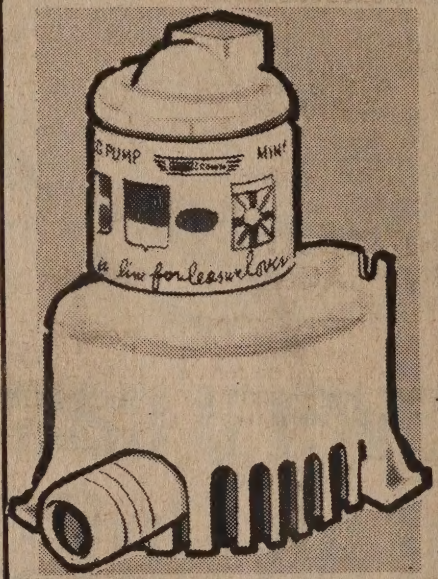

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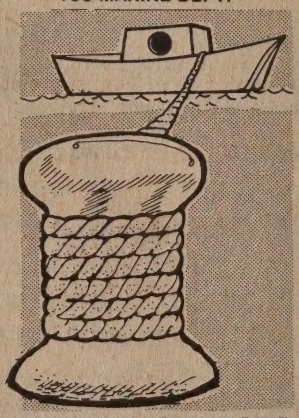

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Many Long Islanders indulge in some form of sport fishing. There are those who sail aboard party boats in quest of bluefish; some drift for fluke in rental skiffs, and still others try their luck from piers and jetties. My sport is surf fishing.

Last year toward the end of May with some extra days off, I looked forward to a mini-vacation trip at Montauk. I had anticipated the spring run of stripers to begin at this time and so decided to try the Point.

After a couple of fishless nights under the Light, I got into a conversation with another surf fisherman. He told me of whiting being caught from Gin Beach. Considering the time of year I felt a bit surprised, as everything I read always depicted whiting as winter fish; hence the nickname "frostfish." Since I had never caught whiting before, I was anxious to check out this information, and so drove over to the beach.

Surf Side with Carl Fritzsche

WHITING AT GIN BEACH

Upon arriving at the scene, I found this news to be true. Speaking to a few fishermen getting ready to depart, I soon learned that this fishing had been going on for the past several weeks, with the action usually starting at dusk. They also told me the whiting were being taken on small plugs and spoons.

By now, the fishing was slowing down and only a few anglers still remained. Since it was a long day for me and quite late, I decided to return to my motel and give it a try the following evening.

I arrived at the beach about 8 PM, and already several fishermen lined the shore. My outfit consisted of a light spinning rod and a Penn Spinfisher 712 spooled with six pound test. A small tackle box containing an assortment of plugs and spoons, plus a pocket light and bucket completed my gear.

To the terminal end of my line I attached a twelve inch leader with an improved clinch knot. To the snap swivel on the other end I added a half-ounce Kastmaster. The leader served a dual purpose. It protected my light line from the whitings' sharp teeth and enabled me to change lures quickly.

A little later I joined the other shore casters standing near the water's edge. Although I wore waders at the time, they were not a necessity since the surf here was gentle and calm. Furthermore, I soon discovered the whiting were foraging on bait fish close to the beach.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, I had my first whiting. Following a brief battle, I carefully removed the spoon and flipped him into the bucket.

Incidentally, I would strongly recommend having a pair of needle-nose pliers in your tackle box. Since whiting have a large mouth they sometimes will be hooked deep. Possessing a tool of this sort will be helpful in removing lures from fish hooked in such a fashion.

After landing a few more, I switched to a Rebel swimming plug of similar weight. I now started getting whiting on nearly every cast. In little more than an hour, I had filled my bucket to the brim with more than two dozen of these silvery scrappers. Most weighed about a pound, but some went a shade better.

While walking back to the car, I noticed that almost everyone else had done equally well.

I continued to score in the days ahead. By mid-June with water temperature rising, the schools of whiting gradually moved offshore. A few weeks later I started getting fluke—but for now, that's another story.

In the past this beach has often been productive for me. Besides whiting and fluke, I have also caught flounder and weakfish. Speaking of the latter, I will always remember the bonanza of weakfish taken here in the early summer of '75.

For those of you who are not familiar with the locality of Gin Beach, it may be reached by driving east along Route 27. After passing through the Town of Montauk, turn left at East Lake Drive and travel to the end of the road and parking field.

A word of caution should be given here. Beginning about Memorial Day weekend and lasting until Labor Day, this field is restricted to residents of East Hampton Township; however, many motels and cottages in the area maintain special permits for their guests. These are to be displayed on the backside of the rear view mirror of your car. Non-residents who are coming only for the day, may park at the Inlet Marina Motel for a small fee. This motel is located on the left side of the road just before the entrance to the parking field and from here, it's a short walk to the beach.

If you are a surf fisherman like myself and find the Lighthouse area on the slow side, then why not give Gin Beach a try for a change of pace? Better yet, while waiting for the warm weather species to arrive, make a trip there now.

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Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

SPRING BLACKFISH

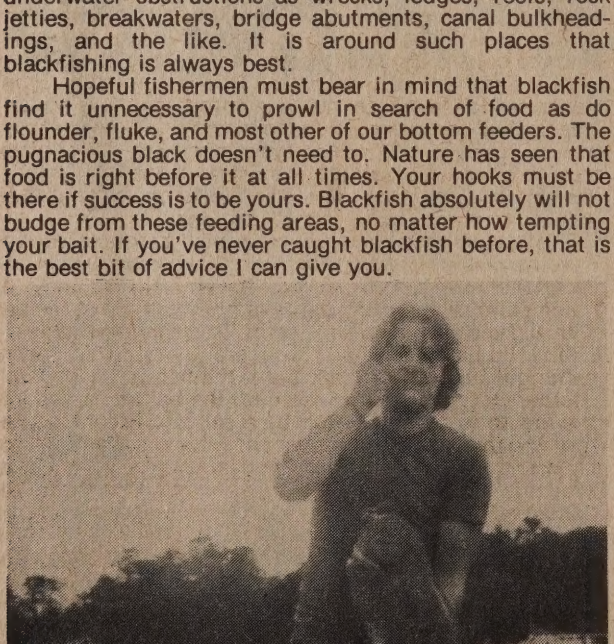
Spring blackfishing is upon us. Good. If you are interested in becoming a fisherman with a much-envied reputation, your opportunity is at hand.

Of this I'm certain, for blackfish have been responsible for transforming more sinker bouncers into that much-desired realm of master fisherman than any local bottom feeder I can name. This is not surprising, for blackfish are willing tutors, ready always to cooperate with the knowledgeable angler. I'll say right now that fishermen who lack know-how will catch few blackfish. I'll go out on the limb again and add that, in my estimation, good blackfishermen are few and far between. That's a blunt statement; but it is nevertheless true. Were you to give a beginning fisherman the basics of flounder fishing, I'm sure he'd have a fair chance of success. But by no stretch of the imagination could this fisherman use those same tactics on blacks and expect to put fish in the bucket. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: I doff my cap to the crackerjack blackfisherman, for he is the elite of the bottom fishing clan.

Blackfish are in a class by themselves. Nowhere in our bottom fishing game is it so necessary for the sinker bouncer to be anchored over the exact spot as when blackfishing. Why? Easy. Old chisel-tooth is equipped by nature to feed upon anything that has—or has had—a shell around it; blood and sand worms notwithstanding.

A careful look at a black's mouth will clue you as to why. Prominent are a set of dentures almost human-like in appearance; these are used to remove barnacles, mussels, crabs, and other shelled creatures moored to such underwater obstructions as wrecks, ledges, reefs, rock jetties, breakwaters, bridge abutments, canal bulkheadings, and the like. It is around such places that blackfishing is always best.

Hopeful fishermen must bear in mind that blackfish find it unnecessary to prowl in search of food as do flounder, fluke, and most other of our bottom feeders. The pugnacious black doesn't need to. Nature has seen that food is right before it at all times. Your hooks must be there if success is to be yours. Blackfish absolutely will not budge from these feeding areas, no matter how tempting your bait. If you've never caught blackfish before, that is the best bit of advice I can give you.



Master fisherman Walter Anderson of Centereach nailed this bulldog blackfish in Shinnecock Canal.

To illustrate exactly what is meant, I'll relate an incident which occurred last May while blackfishing over a rubble-strewn area near the southwest corner of the Long Island Rail Road trestle in Long Beach.

Nick Hauck and I had discovered this bit of rough bottom the summer before while drifting for fluke. Our killy baits had nailed two fair-sized sea bass from it just seconds before we became snagged and lost our rigs. We took a quick range and made tentative plans to fish the area at the earliest opportunity.

That chance came last spring, and while we weren't knocking the fish dead, we were nailing a two-pounder now and then. Along came a lone fisherman who had evidently spotted the action and anchored about twenty-five feet from us. A half-hour later, though, the new arrival hadn't had so much as a bergall bite that we noticed.

After an hour or more of this fruitless fishing, our frustrated neighbor called over and asked what kind of bait we were using. When told we were using fresh skimmer, he replied in disgust, "Me, too, but I can't catch a damned thing on it." The explanation was simple enough. He was off the spot, possibly by only a few short feet—but those few feet were important. He could have been fishing one of the Great Lakes for all the blackfish he would catch. If we hadn't invited him to anchor near us, I'm sure he would have returned home without a blackfish.

So much for that. You get the idea.

Because even a two-pound blackfish is rugged, tackle should always be on the medium to medium-heavy side. This depends upon where the fishing is being done, depth of water, sinker weight, tidal currents, etc. It isn't necessary to use codfishing tackle by any means, but light stuff often leaves much to be desired.

I'm a great fan when it comes to using light spinning tackle. It's great stuff and offers much enjoyment to sport fishermen, but I don't use it when blackfishing. If the water is shallow, a medium-weight spinning outfit will get by; but when fishing the deeper offshore ocean grounds or Long Island Sound, the fisherman is better off using a medium-weight boat rod and conventional reel.

Fill your reel—preferably one having a star drag—with at least 100 yards of twenty pound test mono. This is the minimum test I would use. Just because you expect to fish in sheltered bay waters for your blackfish is no reason to assume all your fish will be small. Peconic Bay, for instance, is one spot where outsize blackfish are common, and to use ultra-light stuff here is absurd. I know some fishermen who use forty pound test on the offshore wrecks and rockpiles when out after bulldog blacks, but I think this is going a little too far. Thirty pound test will get by in such places without difficulty.

Because blackfishing is considered a specialized type of angling, some fisherman in the long ago designed a hook especially for the job. I don't know who this enterprising fisherman was, but we get some idea of where he did his blackfishing. He called it the Virginia hook and nowhere will you find a better blackfish hook than this. Extra strong to resist the brute strength of outsize blackfish, its short-biting offset hollow point and barb is just the hook if you are serious about your blackfishing.

Hook size depends upon where the fishing is done. For inshore waters, a number six or eight will do. If good-sized blacks are expected in these waters, I wouldn't hesitate to stay with the larger number six; but as these hooks are strong for their size, you need have no fear that a number eight won't land a larger-than-average black should it come your way.

For offshore fishing where large blacks are more common, a number five will put fish in the bucket. Some fellows use a number four—even a number two—but I've never found it necessary to do so.

Two hooks are used by most fishermen and these should be tandem-tied and placed about two inches above a suitable sinker. Refrain from using hardware. No three-way swivels, please. Remember the black lives around obstructions and the worse these are, the more blacks you'll find. Any hardware is sure to foul. Just tie a double-overhand knotted loop in the main line and attach

Rock jetties are excellent blackfish producers.

the rig there.

To tandem-tie, simply fold the snell of one hook at its middle, then pass this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. This second hook is then placed through the first fold, pulled tightly and secured with an overhand knot. Don't overlook this last bit. If you do, the bottom hook will slide down the snell of the other and cause difficulty. The whole procedure takes seconds. Just practice a few times and it will become second nature.

Should your fishing area be really "sticky," it's best to use one bottom hook. Be sure to carry extra hooks and sinkers. If you are not being hung-up occasionally, you are not in a choice blackfish area. The mortality rate on terminal tackle can be quite high—especially when wreck fishing—so expect to lose a certain amount. If you ream out the sinker eye to make it smooth, you will save some sinkers. Store-bought sinkers often have rough edges and these quickly cut through mono when pressure is applied to a snagged rig.

Exact sinker weight needed can't be given, as too many factors enter into its selection. (However, these will run between two to eight ounces, again depending upon where the fishing is done.) Just be sure your sinker is heavy enough to hold bottom without moving in the slightest. Blackfish are not normally line shy, but they become so when moving bait is involved. Be sure to pay attention to this important detail; it may make or break your day.

Sinker weight may vary not only from day to day, but hour to hour, so it is a good idea to carry an assortment of various sizes. The old-time bank sinker is usually preferred by veteran blackfishermen as its teardrop shape enables it to slide past minor obstructions that would ordinarily snag a wide, flat sinker.

Bait for spring blackfish has often been a point of conjecture with master anglers. Some insist that soft baits are definitely required, while others say it doesn't matter much. Some of these "soft bait" fishermen will even tell you these baits are favored because spring blackfish have sore gums, or loose teeth, or something on that order. I'm not about to get involved with such suppositions except to say that I've caught spring blacks on china-back fiddlers and green crabs, as well as on skimmer slices.

I suppose if I were pinned down to it, I'd have to admit there is a slight edge favoring skimmer on the inshore grounds, but not all that much to the exclusion of the hard baits. Crabs are definitely preferred in fall, however; but then again I've caught some nice autumn blackfish on skimmer. Perhaps it's best to settle it for yourself and carry some of each and find out firsthand just what the fish prefer. This is what I usually do when both types are available.

Preparation is easy. Skimmer—or any type of clam—is cut lengthways in half-inch-wide slices, making sure some of the soft stomach remains with each piece. This is what all bottom feeders relish. The hook is run through twice, allowing the barb to be exposed near the soft stomach.

China-backs are used whole, with or without the large claw removed (if it is a male) and the point of the hook may be left hidden inside if desired. The top shell of the green crab is removed and the legs broken off close to the body. It is then cut into two or more pieces, depending upon size. The hook is inserted in one of the leg holes and the barb left exposed. This is important because green crab is hard and anything you can do to help get that hook fastened inside the black's tough mouth is to your advantage.

We come now to hooking, which is something that takes a bit of finesse on the fisherman's part. This single factor is probably the reason many beginning blackfishermen become frustrated. You should **not** strike back the instant a bite is felt. If you do, there's an excellent chance of missing the fish entirely; and when you do frighten a blackfish, you can kiss it good-bye. It will not again return to your hook unless you reel in, adjust the bait, and return it to the bottom. And even then, the chances of repeating with the same fish is doubtful. This is something many fishermen fail to realize; but take it from me—it is so. And this applies particularly to large blackfish. These bruisers are cunning and wily...and highly suspicious! That's how they reach bulldog size. They must have something out of the ordinary going for them else they'd have joined their smaller brethren in the bucket long ago.

Blackfish will hover over a bait before accepting it—always. I've watched them do this on more than one occasion. If all is well and you haven't alerted them by flailing away at annoying bergalls, they will nip at the bait with those chisel-like front teeth. To strike now means a lightly lip-hooked fish—if you are lucky. This means nothing if the fish is small; but if the fish is large, that's another story. You must wait until the bait is passed into the mouth to be masticated by a set of crushers located near the throat. When this happens, the black will let you know in no uncertain terms. The rest is up to you, but my advice is to drive that hook home—hard! Don't give the fish an opportunity to dive into the wreckage or rocks. It will always attempt to do this, so be prepared for it. If sanctuary is reached, there's a good chance both fish and terminal rig will be lost.

If at any time you find most of your fish are being lip-hooked, this is a sign you are over-anxious. Put a brake on your reflexes immediately. Watch the master fisherman in action. You'll find few of his fish lip-hooked. This expert knows the value of waiting until the black has the hook deep inside its mouth.

I'll leave you with this. I read a blackfishing article years ago where the writer said his fish were almost always lip-hooked. I felt certain that fellow didn't know much about blackfish. Don't be conned by such writings. Wait for that solid bite. When you do, you'll see your catch of blackfish increase. This I guarantee.

INSHORE FISHING

with Scott J. Simons

The Case for Graph Recorders

Most, if not all, articles that I have read about graph recorders have overly concerned themselves with the technical electronics that make these remarkable machines work. So rather than get into a whole mess of incomprehensible electronic jargon which no one—including myself—understands, I'm going to focus on **what** graph recorders do that make them so valuable to the serious fisherman. Believing in the old axiom that "one picture is worth a thousand words," I have chosen a selection of recordings that were made while fishing at Montauk last season and include them here so that you can see for yourself. Each print-out was selected on the basis that it gave me valuable information: the presence of fish, an idea of what species, what depth they were at, whether or not they were feeding; the type of bottom composition and formation I was fishing over, etc. Each of the print-outs also has a short caption giving my interpretation of what they show. I can hear the grumbling now of many who are reading this: "How the hell does he know that print-out number 36 shows a porgy throwing up a tainted sand eel?" Well fellas, I **don't** know for certain...but after putting dozens of rolls through my machine during hundreds of hours fishing in the same general area, I feel that the analyses given are a little more than educated guesses. For in the final analysis, a graph recorder is only as good as what you put into it. I don't care if you spend five-grand on a spiffy recorder—if you don't learn how to operate it correctly and learn how to "read" the information it is giving you, then it isn't worth the paper it's printing on. So if you do decide to go with a graph recorder, I have two bits of advice: first, experiment to find out the correct settings for your machine so that you get the best possible read-outs. I get fantastic read-outs on my machine, but have run into other fishermen with the same model who had nothing but complaints. Second, burn up a lot of paper. This may seem like a waste of the not-inexpensive paper, but the knowledge you will gain is more than worth it. Keep the machine running as much as possible so that you will learn to "read" the bottom like the back of your hand. Learn to recognize the various bottom formations and their fish-attracting potential. Learn the depths for various areas. Learn to tell the difference between a school of sand eels casually swimming along and the school that is trying to escape the attack of predators. Learn all these things, and you'll be a much better fisherman for it.

I have been asked many times by readers what graph recorder I recommend, which presents a problem. Because of the number of recorders now on the market by a score of manufacturers, it's hard to tell you which are the good ones because I just haven't used them all. All I can say is that for the last two seasons, The Fisherman boat has been equipped with a Sitex, which accounted for the print-outs reproduced on these pages. It's reasonably priced and more than adequate for the needs of most fishermen. This year I will be trying out the new graph recorder manufactured by Lowrance, the LRG-1510; but I'm sure that there are many other machines on the market that can do the job for the money—I just haven't had the opportunity to use them. But I can tell you the type of machine that I **don't** care for—the curved line models, which give a distorted print-out of the bottom and are difficult to analyze, in my opinion. I also don't see the necessity of a dual recorder that has both a flasher and graph. The flasher is difficult to read in the sunlight and, as mentioned, I believe you should keep the graph running at all times.

There are three types of straight line recorders: standard straight line, white line and gray line. The standard straight line gives you a read-out like the one shown in print-out number 16. While great for showing bottom formations and fish that are feeding off the bottom and at mid-level, any fish that are close to the bottom are almost impossible to see because they just blend in with it. Compare this to print-out number 15, which is a white line recording. The thickening of the fine line shows that there are fish hugging the bottom—in this case porgies. Obviously, these fish would never have been detected with the standard straight line. A gray line machine goes one step further in helping you to distinguish fish from the bottom: while solid objects like the bottom appear as a light gray, fish appear as solid black markings which make them stand out like a sore thumb. The newest type of recorder on the market dispenses with the paper read-out entirely and presents a television-like picture via cathode ray tubes for the fisherman. Sounds good on paper, but they are expensive and have the same big disadvantage of the inexpensive flasher—no record of what you passed over a few moments previously, which means you have to keep your eyes glued to the machine.

What should you look for when purchasing a graph recorder? Obviously, your choices will be limited because of the financial considerations involved. Starting at around $300, the price range is almost unlimited from there. But for the average sport fisherman's needs, a machine in the $400 to $600 price range is more than sufficient if funds

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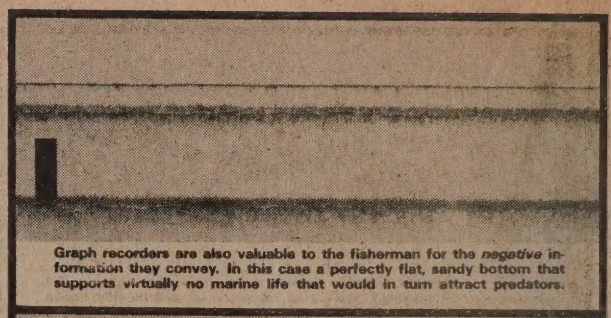

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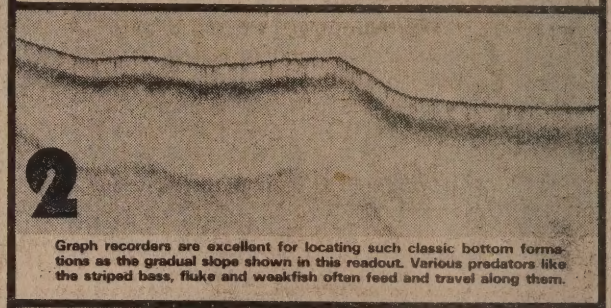

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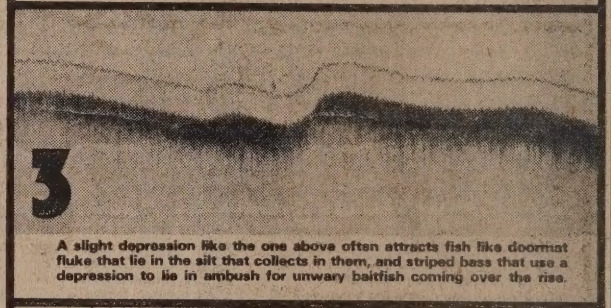

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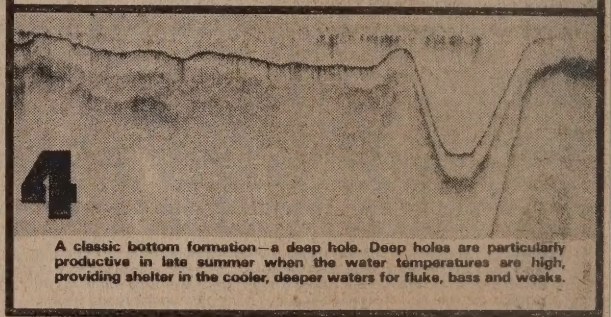

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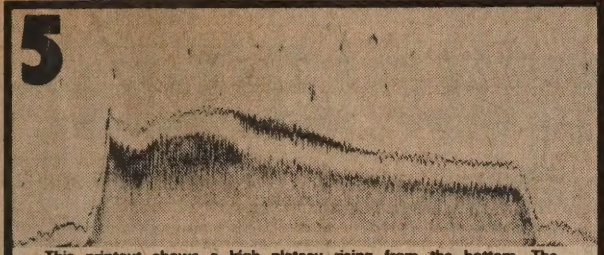
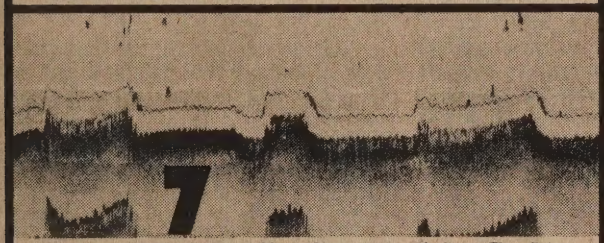
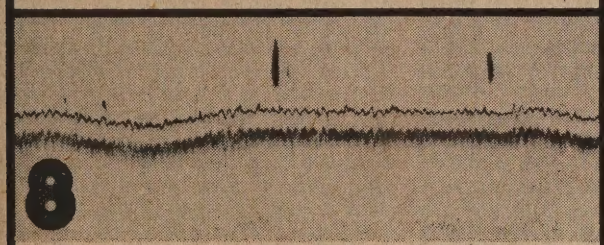


This printout shows a high plateau rising from the bottom. The markings on the bottom in the center are sandeels, with bluefish above. When sandeels are seen in this manner, predators usually aren't feeding.

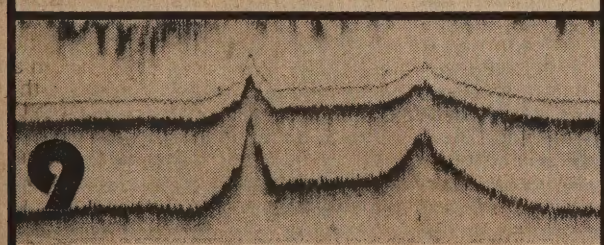
A classic picture of a large school of bluefish doing a number on the sandeels. Notice how the sandeels have been scattered and pushed towards the surface in an attempt to escape the attacking hordes.



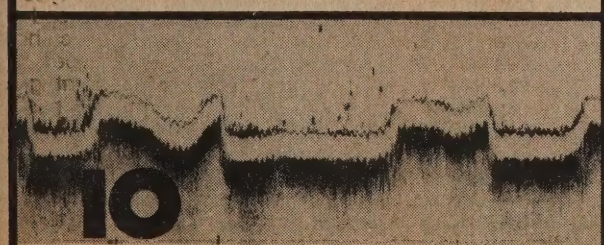
A series of three plateaus with predators scattered above. The slight thickening of the fine line of the right side of each plateau shows small schools of squid hugging them to keep from being eaten by the blues.



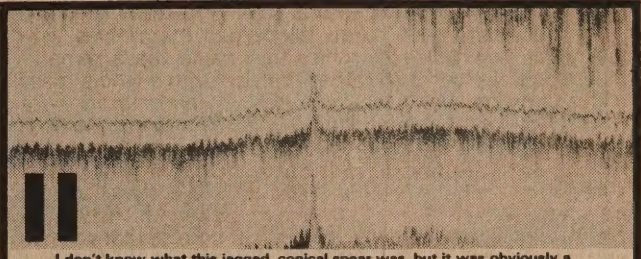
This printout shows two separate schools of sandeels casually moving along with the current. As a rule-of-thumb, when sandeels are in tightly packed schools like this there usually aren't any predators very nearby.



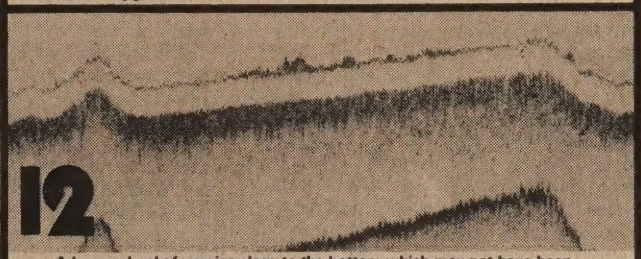
At first glance you may think that the gray mass to the left of the shoal in the center of this readout was sandeels—wrong! It's actually the turbulance created by the current moving over the top of the shoals peak.



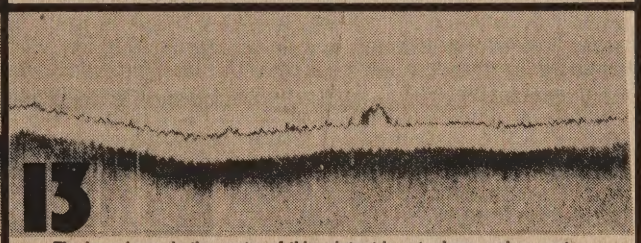
More plateaus—but in this case the fish (whiting on the bottom, weakfish above) have taken up positions between the two formations, rather than on the top of them or hugging the sides as in printouts 5 and 7.



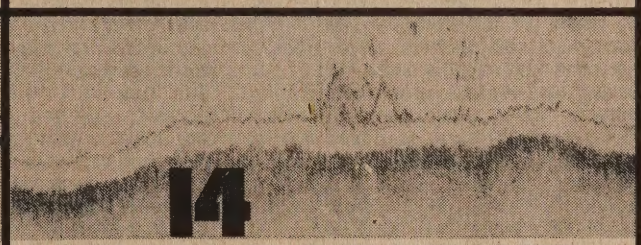
I don't know what this jagged, conical spear was, but it was obviously a good thing to hid behind for the 26 pound bass that ambushed my diamond jig from it. Notice the loose school of sandeels to the right.



A huge school of porgies close to the bottom which may not have been discovered without a graph recorder. By cruising around with the recorder on you save much time over the "fishing blind" days of yore.

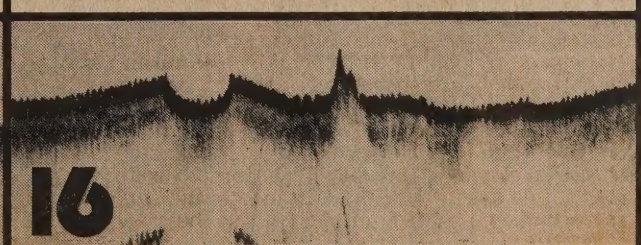


The large hump in the center of this printout is not a large rock or part of the bottom because it's echo isn't recorded beneath it. More than likely it was a small wreck. Notice fish hugging right side and bottom.



A virtual mountain of weakfish rising from the bottom in the Triangle off Montauk last summer. Once again there is no doubt because the school does not show as an echo below the line like a shoal would.

A small hill or "piece" that has attracted a large population of seabass and porgies because of the marine life growing on it. Notice that no fish are marked on the smooth bottom surrounding this nice formation.



A STANDARD STRAIGHT LINE RECORDING MADE ON THE SAME Sitex machine. Obviously, it is almost impossible to spot fish right on the bottom with this readout as you can with the white-line in no. 15.

Smoothing the Edges

by Andy Regina

Trying to write an outdoor article is tougher than it looks! Not only is the writer trying to explain himself in language that everyone can understand, he must consider the inexperienced novice trying to absorb as much knowledge about his new sport as possible, as well as the dedicated veteran who often knows more than he does about fishing. All who read his article should benefit thereof; so the writer tries to tell it like it is, blending basic information for the tyro with gospel truth for the old salt, sprinkling tricks and secrets along the way which he hopes will not only keep reader interest percolating, but actually add a fish or two to the stringer of those paying heed to his advice.

When we were cutting our piscatorial eyeteeth, there were no specialized saltwater publications to guide us; there were some outdoor magazines which covered hunting and freshwater fishing, but nothing strictly for us saltwater men—such as this publication. Even the old, experienced fishermen were reluctant to teach us, jealously hoarding their hard-earned secrets like Midas hoarded gold. If you were lucky, you struck up a friendship with one of those veteran anglers, and absorbed everything he taught you, but you had to first earn his friendship by dedicated devotion, showing up in all kinds of weather—day or night—and keeping quiet as he let you gradually fish closer and closer to him—but not **too** close, you understand.

And we made mistakes, plenty of them, until we learned that the best method of teaching was one that we, ourselves, possessed—and that is your own observation. When we were continually skunked while those around us caught fish, we asked ourselves why it was so, that ten percent of the fishermen caught ninety percent of the fish? Surely, God created every man equal, didn't He? Yet those sharpies seemed more knowledgeable, more dedicated, and more sure of themselves—if you know what I mean.

And so we watched them, and—lo and behold, subtle differences started appearing. I approached one old friend and questioned him about it. The old man smiled, and replied that though I was becoming a sharp fisherman, those subtle differences were like smoothing the edge of your favorite knife—sort of like taking the rough edge off. I'd like to pass along what I had to learn the hard way, and hope that it will help smooth your edge, too. And we're going to try to take on some of the toughest fishing there is: blackfish from shore. So here goes!

Whenever someone consistently catches fish, and you don't, you've got to figure it's because of one of two things, or a combination of both: either he's doing something that we are not, and should be doing, or else we're doing something we should not be doing. Right? Based on this assumption, let us proceed to our favorite bridge, to try for those blackfish. If upon our arrival there we find the local sharpie already ensconced in his favorite spot, it's no small wonder. He's usually always there first, and usually always catches most of the fish, but there are several reasons for this. First of all, blackfish favor one particular spot over others, and if you are even a couple of feet away, you just will not catch as many fish as the guy presenting his baits smack in the middle of their dining room.

Once you have determined a productive location, try to get there before anyone else beats you to it, and you've got half your battle won. You'll find, just as I did, that quite often the fish bite only very early in the morning, maybe due to the absence of later boat traffic, and getting there early will not only gain you a choice spot, but a decent shot at the fish, too.

Rigging for blackfish from shore is different than for boat fishing. While boat rigs usually consist of two Virginia hooks tied in tandem above a sinker, you'll probably discover that this rig will get you hung on bottom, more times than not. My old friend only used one single hook, attached above the lightest sinker he could hold bottom with, because, as he said, he didn't want to catch too many fish. What a sly old fox he was! While I was forever getting my double hook rig hung in the rocks, he smugly landed fish after fish, secure in the knowledge that no swinging second hook could become snagged. And he seemed to get more bites too, until I discovered that he constantly held his rod in his hands, while I would watch my spike-held rod fruitlessly.

Once I started to hold my rod, I started to feel more bites, but even this bit of education was incomplete until I learned to keep all slack out of my line, and to keep my baited hook motionless. It seems that blackfish are cautious creatures, and any moving bait looks highly unnatural to them, so they shy away from 'em. And keeping a tight line soon had me feeling every little nibble much easier too, although I was going crazy trying to hook fish at every tiny touch. But I had to learn to disregard those tiny nibbles—the sign of bergalls or tiny blackfish trying to steal the bait. When a good sized blackfish takes your bait, he simply picks it up and mouths it, tasting it before he sends it back to the crushers in the back of his throat. These crushers are strong enough to crack open clams, crabs, and other crustacea, and when a blackfish takes your hook there, you'll feel a distinct strong tug, which is the time to set your hook with a sharp upward thrust of your rod.

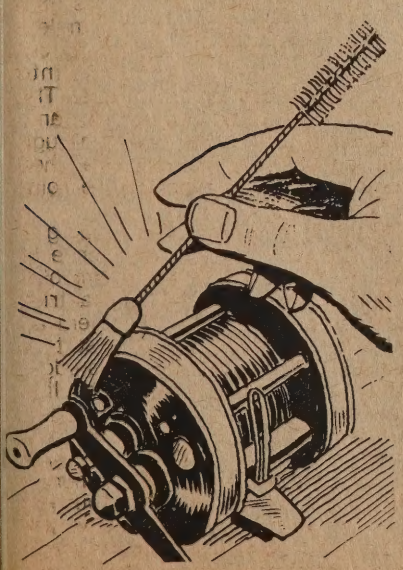
Your choice of bait is important. While I believe that hermit crabs are the top tautog tempter, they're pretty hard to come by and the fiddler crabs or green crabs most commonly used, do an excellent job instead. Sand worms and clams are also fine blackfish baits, but the relative softness of these baits encourages excessive theft by pesky bergalls, who can strip a hook bare before a blackfish has a chance to become interested. Presenting these baits properly contributes towards realizing success. Fiddler crabs are used by first removing the large pincer arm that gives this bait its distinction, then threading the hook into the body cavity through the hole provided by the removed claw. Care should be taken to keep the bait alive while you bring the hook completely through the shell of the body, exposing the point and barb. Green crabs are used by first removing all legs and claws from the crab, then remove the complete outer shell (carapace), and finally, cut the crab either in half or into quarters—according to its size. The hook is then baited in much the same manner as with fiddler crabs: through the leg opening, piercing the shell completely before exposing the point and barb again.

Holding your rod and keeping a taut line will increase your sense of feel, as we said before, but smooth-edged anglers have an additional trick up their sleeves that gives them an edge over the competition—sort of like STP giving you the racer's edge. All it is, simply, is holding the line between your thumb and forefinger, which will allow you to feel each and every nibble more acutely. For users of conventional tackle, this is merely the simple matter of tucking your rod butt under your left arm (if you're right-handed) and grasping the reel from the bottom, bringing your thumb and forefinger around over the reel, and pinching the line between them.

Spinning aficionados can do much the very same: hold that rod butt tucked under your left arm, and reach over the rod in front of the spinning reel, which is hanging below the rod in this case. Then grasp the rod with your left hand, and extend your left thumb and forefinger below the rod, to pick up the line coming off the reel, and then once again, pinch the line between thumb and forefinger, as with the line in conventional gear.

When fiddler crabs are the bait, don't discard the removed claw. Try threading that claw up onto the shank of the hook **before** you impale the crab on it, making certain to slide it high enough up the shank to allow ample clearance for the barb to pass through the crab. Any hook that does not have the barb and point exposed just isn't going to catch very many blackfish. These fish are smart, wary, and extremely fast—especially when reacting to the taste of steel in their mouths. Blackfish are accomplished bait stealers, too, which is why we like to use that claw-on-the-shank trick. If a blackfish does succeed in removing your bait without your knowledge (and they will, brother), this extra tempter riding high on the hook will entice 'em back to complete the job; but this time, like a little kid stealing, he gets caught, and you can chalk up another fish to your stringer.

Be careful when handling these fish as the sharp dorsal fins can puncture flesh quite easily. When removing hooks, try using a rag to hold the fish firmly without fear of hurting yourself and keep your fish cool and damp until you can clean them—they make for some delicious eating. Those crisp, brown, pan-fried batter-dipped fillets will be the sweetest fish you ever ate, made even sweeter when you learn how to catch 'em yourself, by smoothing out the edges.



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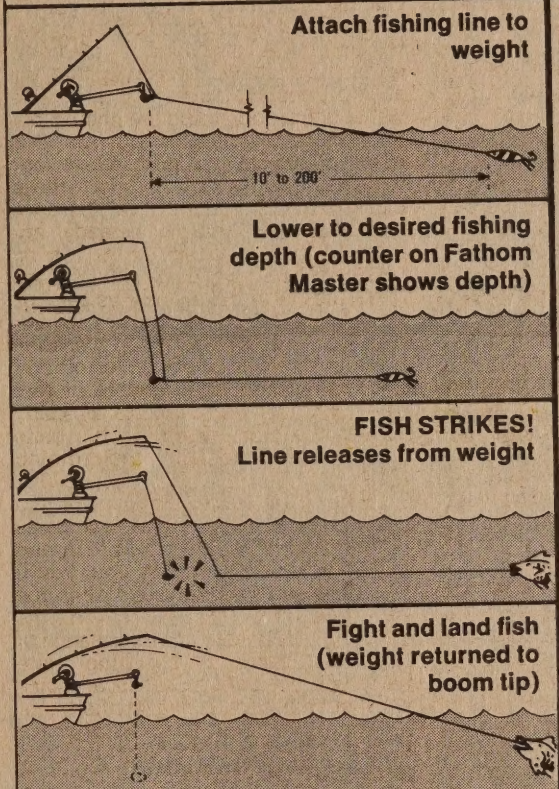
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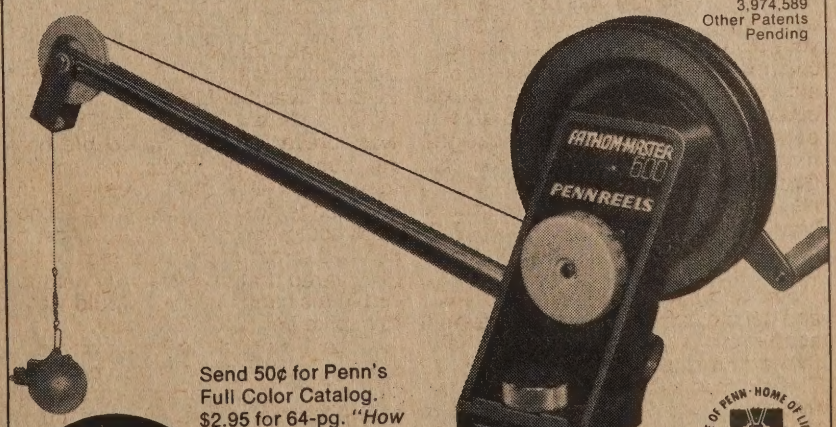

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Worming Stripers in Western L.I. Sound

by Ron Onorato

Western Long Island Sound is a unique body of water. For one thing, it marks the entrance to one of the busier thoroughfares of New York—the East River. It is an area which is suffering from the blight of heavy industrial pollution, and ever-increasing boat traffic of all sorts. Yet, on the other hand, western Long Island Sound is still the feeding grounds of a great many striped bass.

Look on any map of the area and what do you see? You see the East River meeting the Sound at the junction of Throgs Neck and Whitestone. Further up the East River, you see where it joins with the Hudson River. Every spring something unique happens: large bodies of striped bass that have been wintering and spawning the Hudson begin their annual migration out into the Sound, traveling southward, with some of the fish making their way down the Hudson and out into the New York Harbor region where they will summer. The Tin Can grounds, Rockaways, Long Beach, Jones Beach, and northern New Jersey areas are the recipients of much of the Hudson River bass. Some of the bass make their way eastward, and travel swiftly through the surging currents of the East River; from there they head out into the Sound. Some make it to the north side of the Sound, while some favor the south, or Long Island side of the Sound. These fish will range as far to the east as Port Jefferson, and then most of them will stop. Some make it as far east as Wading River and Mattituck, with even an occasional traveler to Montauk; but the main bodies of fish don't wander much past Port Jefferson.

In the early seventies, the Hudson River was perhaps at the peak of its striper population. That great year class of 1970 and 1971 had the river teeming with fish; 1972, 1973 and 1974 saw absolutely the finest kind of bass fishing that western Long Island Sound would see. From late April till mid-November, schools of bass would pop up here and there, making for phenomenal fishing. Big bass would be lurking in small pods along many of the rocky points dotting the many harbors of western Long Island Sound. The spring of 1975 marked a contrast to the three previous years. The schools of bass were smaller, and they would show up for only brief periods of time. Big fish were also a lot scarcer than they had been in the past. By 1976 and 1977, the fish were even less plentiful, as the fishery badly depleted the '70 year class. Despite all of this, there still remains a fair quantity of bass in many of the western Sound areas. Perhaps the biggest advantage of this has been the extremely light fishing pressure for bass the past few years. Many people think that bass no longer exist in the Sound, and most feel that what few fish they may take, aren't worth the effort. This is great for the serious bassman; most of the areas are wide open and what fish are around are there for the taking. We'll take a look at some of the different techniques you'll be able to use, and precisely where you have the best chance of fooling some bass, and you'll find that some of the best bass grounds of the Sound are in your own back yard.

Until proven otherwise, the one natural bait that has been most effective for striped bass under almost any circumstance is the worm. The other natural baits, such as the bunker or mackerel are fine, but work mainly on big fish. Live eels are superb baits, but they are limited to mostly night fishing. Clam chum works well on fish of all sizes, but has limitations on its use. Worms, on the other hand, will work virtually at any time and under any conditions and will take fish of all sizes. In the early stages of the striper season, the worm is without equal. Its effectiveness diminishes a bit later on in the season, but only slightly, and will work especially well at night during the hot summer months. The only time that the worm loses its effectiveness is when the fish are feeding very heavily on bait such as spearing, sand eels, or bunkers, and usually the only time that this occurs is during the height of the spring and fall migrations.

Before we get to the where and how to of this fishing, let's take a brief look at the worm itself. It wasn't that long ago when you could go down to your local bait dealer, ask for a dozen worms and get twelve, eight-inch long worms, all as thick as a cigar. Two dozen of those pencil size squirmers would get through a day's bass fishing, but only after you've caught a dozen or so bass on them. As all of you well know, the shape of the worms we get are really in tough shape. The worms are small, and to compound the situation, they seem to be becoming very fragile. This is especially true with the sand worms. As for the blood worms, forget about them as a bass bait. Unless you've got your own spot in Jamaica Bay somewhere, store-bought blood worms are useless for bass baits. You would have to put half a dozen of them on the hook before a bass would take a look at them. This is unfortunate, because the blood worm is a firmer, tougher bait than the fragile sand worm.

The sand worms available in tackle shops are in a little better shape, and you usually can get your share of decent size worms for a few days fishing. The right thing to do here if you're going to do some serious bass worming, is to go down to your local bait dealer and have him order you a flat of sand worms from the wholesaler. A flat of worms is simply 125 worms packed in a flat cardboard box. The cost of a flat of sand worms is anywhere from $15 to $18, depending where you go, and will last you through two or three trips. When you buy a flat of worms, you get your pick of the prime worms, and the cost is far less than if you were to buy them by the dozen. The worms are packed in brown weeds and will last up to a week in your refrigerator. While buying a flat of worms may seem a bit extravagant, it really isn't. When you figure you're going to get three trips out of the worms (two trips, if you run into some good catching), it breaks down to about $6 per trip which really isn't that much when all things are considered. I don't know how many times I've seen two or three fishermen heading out for bass with three dozen worms on the boat, and then complain that they have caught nothing and that worm fishing is a waste of time.

You can start your worm fishing almost as soon as your start your flounder fishing. Western Long Island Sound is the area that receives the first few migrating fish from the Hudson and East Rivers. In addition, some bass winter over in some of the bays, and it is usually these fish that provide the first catches. The first week in April is usually the starting point for most anglers, with the tempo increasing throughout the month. You don't have to be reminded how bad last winter was, yet the bass were right on time, with a few fish being taken the first week of April. After hearing how bad the striper fishing was, I didn't think the past spring would produce any fish at

l. Yet, during the week of April 17 st spring, four early morning trips roduced twenty-three stripers, with fteen of the fish being less than ghteen inches, and these were eleased. I must admit that the eather was a big bonus at that time. or four consecutive days, the sky as clear, the wind light, and the ays very warm, and these factors ontributed to ideal fishing condi- ons. All this action took place at the outhern end of Little Neck Bay on a sing tide around the early morning ours.

While there are many factors which ill contribute to the success or ailure of your striper trip, none is nore influential than the weather. Having the right weather condition is he controlling factor in the entire orm fishing game. Quite simply, ou're looking for a clear calm day, ith as little wind as possible. The ater at this time of the year is still eally quite cool, and the fish aren't harging all over the place. When you et a warm sunny day, the water emperature of these shallow areas nay change just enough to put the ass on the feed. When you get a ouple of warm days back-to-back, it an really stir the fish up. Wind is the ig kicker in springtime fishing for wo reasons. Number one is that the ays and shallows get murky when he wind kicks up and worm fishing is ust about out the window, and econdly, the wind will hamper your fforts if you plan to drift. If the wind s blowing from any direction more han twelve miles per hour, forget bout worm fishing from your boat. No wind at all, or perhaps a gentle outh or southwest wind are the best ou can ask for. If the wind has been lowing for a day or so heavy, give the ater another tide to clear up.

You can fish the worms in one of hree ways: you can drift them, troll he, or fish them from an anchored oat. Unless you have a small skiff or in boat with the tiniest of outboards, r you're going to row the boat, rolling worms isn't practical. Act- ually, trolling worms is the most ffective way of presenting them to he stripers—but again, it is a very specialized type fishing requiring specialized crafts, and most of us just don't have it. Drifting worms is almost as effective, and is within the realm of just about any boat owner, provided he uses a little common sense.

At one time, I favored a two hook tandem rig to use for both drifting and trolling worms, but of late, have found that a simple single hook rig seems to get better attention from the fish. Perhaps the stripers are getting even cagier than they have been in the past and are shying off the two hook tandem rig. All you need is a 2/0 or 3/0 Eagle Claw fine wire hook, with a four or five foot leader of twenty pound leader material. The reason you should use the fine wire hook is so that when you insert the hook into the worms, it won't do too much damage

to the fragile squirmers. If you use a heavier gauge hook, you'll find the sand worms breaking at the point where the hook comes out of the worm. If you've got some nice worms, start off with just one worm to the hook, and when you get down to the skimpy worms, you'll have to put a couple on the hook. Simply push the first worm up over the eye of the hook and up onto the mono leader and then put the second worm onto the hook. The leader is attached to your main line by using a fifty pound black barrel swivel. You can use whatever gear you're comfortable with; but please leave the spinning gear home—it has no place in the picture.

Rule number one when you get to the area you want to fish: go in there as gently and quietly as possible. Don't go steam rolling into that shallow water wide open or you're asking for trouble. For the most part, you can fish the worm without any weight, and this is most of the time. If you find the worm riding high in the water, add a one-eighth ounce split shot just ahead of the hook, and this will bring the worm down close to the bottom. When you get yourself set up and you start a long drift, try to keep things as quiet as possible. Strip out a hundred feet of mono and let the tide carry the worm and the boat along together. The slower the drift, the better: if it looks like the boat is just barely moving, then you've got the ticket. Don't get jumpy after fifteen minutes and start hopping all over the place. Stay on a single drift for an hour or so before quietly moving along. Don't forget that the fish aren't really moving around a lot; you have to find them.

Drifting is fine when you want to cover a relatively large area, but has its limitations if you want to fish just a tiny piece of water. This is when you slip over the anchor and still fish. It is amazing how few fishermen ever do this; most think that bass won't take a worm this way—but are they ever wrong. Let's face it—with the exception of certain parts of Little Neck Bay and Manhassett Bay, the bass hang out in relatively small areas, and anchoring allows you to stay in the productive zone all the time. You can

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fish the very same rig you use when drifting. The only difference is that you'll have to work the bait a little bit more often. All you have to do is keep the worm moving along with the tide. In certain areas of western Long Island Sound, the tide is very light, and this makes still fishing with the worms so deadly. You simply drift the worm out slowly into the current, keeping the reel in free spool all the time, in a manner similar to chumming. The tide is light enough to use no weight, except perhaps a tiny split shot. Again, patience is the password. Once you're set up in an area, stay no less than an hour. If you really want to spice things up a bit, look through the flat of worms you have, and pick out a dozen or so of the smaller worms. Every three or four minutes, drop one of them into the water, and you'll double your chances of getting into so some fish.

As I mentioned earlier, Little Neck Bay is a big place and only a few spots hold fish, and only during certain stages of the tide; the same is true for Manhasset Bay. Here are a few no-nonsense spots that have been consistent producers for many years. If you fish these areas seriously, there is no reason why you shouldn't get some bass action. Pay attention to details and conditions, and don't rely upon luck; there is no such thing as luck to the successful bass fisherman.

Before we go any further, get yourself a copy of Nautical Chart #12364. This covers the area from Throgs Neck to Port Jefferson. Take a look at the western Sound areas and familiarize yourself with the contour of the bays; take a boat ride when you get a chance and look the area over at different stages of the tide—this is how to learn about an area.

Fishing in the shadows of the Throgs Neck Bridge: Whenever the Throgs Neck Bridge is mentioned as a bass spot, the laughs start, but they stop when they see the fish that are caught right from underneath the span itself. The reason the span is such a good spot is obvious: the southern end of the bridge runs across one of the better worm flats in the area. Take a look at this spot on a moon low tide and you'll see what I mean. This place is worm city and on the rising tides, the bass move into the area to feed. Water depth around high tide is six to eight feet at the very end of the span. You often see surfcasters slinging worms under the bridge itself. On any trip, this is worth a look before you go elsewhere: you may not have to go any further. You can make long drifts throughout the area when the wind is right.

The Pocket at the Fort Totten Jetty: That same worm flat that runs from the Throgs Neck Bridge runs up the Fort Totten Jetty, terminating on the western or inside pocket of the jetty. Those people you see surfcasting from the jetty in early April aren't after flounders; they take bass, and they keep it quiet. Again, the middle of the flood tide gets things going up to the first two hours of the ebb. This is a real sleeper, because no one ever fishes here from a boat. Anchor and throw some worms overboard and you'll see some action. In the past, on two separate occasions, I have seen a few fish actually finning themselves in ten inches of water, rooting worms out of the mud, much like the Florida bonefish.

Little Neck Bay: While fish may be spread out throughout the Bay, there are three or four spots that are steady producers. In the northwest corner of Little Neck there is a small pocket of marsh and eel grass. A small freshwater creek empties into the Bay at this spot also. At high water, there is only five feet of water here, and this spot can only be fished for a short time period due to its shallow water. The spot is too small to drift, but you can anchor and take fish. Sometimes yes, and sometimes no; it is not as consistent as some other spots in the Bay, but my biggest bay fish—a twenty-one pounder—came out of this spot on May 7, 1975, and I assure you the water was no more than four feet deep at the time.

The southern end of the Bay is the big producer, as many of the surfcasters will attest to. A long mud flat encompasses the shallow end of the Bay and the fish swarm here when conditions are right. The right conditions are a rising tide, timed to coincide around dawn and dusk if possible, and a five mile per hour southwesterly wind. You can take fish all day long when you make those long slow drifts in the six and seven foot depths. As the tide starts dropping, you have to find another place to fish.

The second best spot in the bay is on the eastern side. Marshes and mud flats are also in evidence here. Start your drift around the white nun buoy that lies in about six feet of water at low tide. The buoy is marked "A," and you should try both the deep and shallow sides. You can drift for a good mile to Udall's Cove and still be in bass country. Start in three and four feet of water, and then move out a bit to nine or ten feet of water. Either tide will produce here, as the fish apparently use this as a traveling lane as well as feeding area.

The only spot of the bay that actually has best fishing on a falling tide is the extreme northwest corner of the mouth of the bay, where it joins the Sound. This is called the "Fort" by the regulars who know the area. The red "2" buoy must have been placed where it was by a bass fisherman. For whatever reason, bass are almost always found on the inside of the buoy on a falling tide. Again, that beautiful mud bottom that holds the worms is found here. Sometime long ago, the Army people from Fort Totten dropped a few big rocks in the area, right on the mud flats, and I believe that the bass sit among these few rocks and wait for the ebbing tide to carry food to them. Most of the

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The COMPASS Navigation Instrument #1

by Jens Jacobs

With a bewildering assortment of navigation equipment available these days, it is understandable that there are differences in opinion as to what is the most important navigation instrument. In my mind, and to countless other professional navigators and knowledgeable small craft skippers, the number one navigation instrument is, without question, the **compass**. In fact, on the vast majority of small boats it is the **only** navigation instrument aboard; but regardless of whether other instruments are aboard or not, the compass remains indispensable for safe and economical operation of the smallest boat to the largest ship. Not that I want to downgrade any of the latest innovations in electronic navigation gear: the the contrary, the more the better! But one should not forget that all this stuff needs electricity to make it tick, and there is the ever-present possibility of a malfunction of one kind or another.

Perhaps the best way to get the message across as to why I feel an **accurate** and **dependable** compass is the number one navigation instrument is to recall some of my personal experiences, and some experiences of others that have come to my attention over the years. First off, let me say that I never take a boat anywhere without assuring myself that the compass is of good quality, in excellent working condition, and accurately adjusted. This precaution has paid handsome returns over the years, as I have gone many thousands of miles in poor visibility in all sorts of different boats with equipment from nothing but a compass to the most sophisticated gear. Failure of various instruments was experienced numerous times where they surely would have made things easier; but adherence to the time proven practice of keeping an accurate and up-to-the-minute D.R. plot has saved me from sure disaster many times. Oh yes, I never had a compass fail me.

On a recent trip to Florida in a forty-two foot Sport Fisherman, I picked up two men offshore Cape Kennedy in a small boat that had been adrift for five days without food or water, going northward with the Gulf Stream for parts unknown at a speed of two-and-a-half to three knots. The reason for their serious predicament was that they did not have a compass aboard, and in an attempt to go from Freeport (Bahamas) to Bimini, they trusted the wind to stay S.E., planning to use that for their directional reference to reach the Great Bahama Bank, which they intended to follow to Bimini. In other words, straightforward "by the seat of the pants" navigation. What got the works all gummed up was that the wind changed to the south, which brought them out into the Gulf Stream. By the time they realized their mistake, there was not enough fuel to go here or there. I should not have to mention that they were mighty glad to be aboard a comfortable boat with plenty to eat and drink. After picking them up, I was assured that a compass was on their priority list.

Another example with expensive consequences should give warning to happy-go-lucky skippers. A nice, well equipped Sportfisherman headed home after a day's fishing offshore. It was getting dark, and the visibility was somewhat reduced by a light fog. In the bay waters that the operator "knew like the back of his hand," he runs hard aground. Result: two wrinkled up propellers, two shafts shaped like pretzels, two struts nearly pulled out of the bottom, and two rudders destroyed, plus a night on the bar (sand bar, that is). Reason: a compass that was totally out of adjustment and in bad repair, and false interpretation of the radar picture. Was that an accident? No. It was inexcusable neglect on behalf of the operator of that boat.

Another incident, which could have had more serious consequences, happened to three fellows not too long ago. Being lost in the fog offshore in a small boat for three days certainly does not qualify as pleasure boating in my opinion, especially if it was preventable, as it was in this case. This man was advised to discard his faulty compass. Instead of making good use of the advice, he used the compass and discarded the advice. That poor kid was all mixed up; but after that little experience, he straightened right out, would you believe it?

On the other side of the coin, there was this brand new steel commercial fishing boat out of a Long Island south shore port, fishing the Hudson Canyon area in not so nice weather. A freak sea rolled over the bow and stoved in all pilot house windows, destroying every piece of electronic gear aboard in its wake. What came through unharmed and brought them home without a problem was the new six inch Ritchie compass that had been installed and adjusted prior to the trip offshore.

I could go on and on like this; but I think the point I am trying to make is clear. Safe and economical operation of a boat is not possible without a compass, regardless of other instrumentation. Furthermore, it is not enough to merely have a compass aboard. It should also be a quality instrument, adequate in size to suit the boat and use of the boat, and it must be properly installed and accurately adjusted.

I hope that the few episodes I mentioned have made you aware of the importance of an **accurate** and **dependable** compass, for pleasure boating should be what it implies—a pleasure, and that is only possible if the sport is kept as safe as possible, not to mention avoidable inconvenience and needless expense.

There is, of course, no question that the compass is a **must have** item aboard any boat. There is also no question that virtually all boat owners would rather have an accurate and dependable compass than one that is of sub-standard quality and inaccurate—if given the choice.

Why is it then that poor compass installations are so common? Well, perhaps the best way to sum it up is that the entire subject of compasses is a totally confusing issue to sales personnel at boat dealers, as well as in Marine Supply Stores, marinas and, of course, to boat owners themselves.

As a result, the majority of boats sold that come equipped with a compass sport the following, or a combination of the following shortcomings: sub-standard quality; inadequate in size; wrong model for the boat and intended use of boat; inaccurate, and in general, poor installation, and errors (in some cases unadjustable) caused by improper placement of other equipment, and a host of other things.

It should, of course, be clear, that any of the above-mentioned shortcomings add up to a compass installation that is at best questionable, if not totally useless—obviously a condition you **cannot** live with and should **not** permit to exist for at least two reasons. One is **safety** and the other the needless expense of purchasing a useless piece of equipment.

Now then, how can you go about assuring yourself of a first rate compass installation in the most economical way, and get it **right** the first time around? Perhaps you want to consider what most professional boat captains, as well as many experienced private boat owners do: deal with a reputable outfit that specializes in compasses, rather than take any chances with inexperienced personnel. Some of the distinct advantages boat owners enjoy in dealing with a speciality business are that an

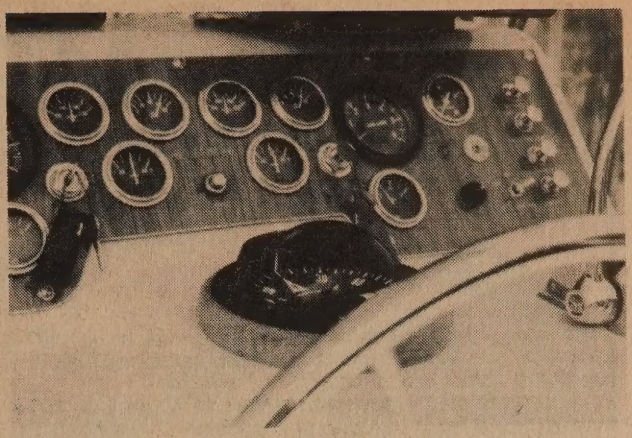
outfit like that is usually headed by or has in its employ, a compass adjustor. These fellows usually have extensive sea experience aboard ships and small craft; are accomplished Navigators, and are thoroughly familiar with all compasses, their construction, installation, adjusting, and a variety of other things essential to know in order to achieve a compass installation that can be labelled **accurate** and **dependable.**

The following is a typical list of what is generally available from such a specialized firm: advice as to what to buy, and what will or will not work on your particular boat; has on hand an inventory of quality compasses, to assure you prompt delivery of the model you **need**, and not push something that is the only model on the shelf; if you are in doubt as to what you need, will look at your boat and make an accurate assessment of the entire installation, including other instruments you may have aboard; make the installation for you if desired; capable of adjusting the compass for you on the boat and furnishing detailed deviation table, and will assure you speedy warranty and general repair service.

In other words, you can expect complete and comprehensive service that eliminates all guesswork. There is no passing the buck, and to top it off, it is not nearly as expensive as you may think it is—especially when you realize that you have virtually eliminated the possibility of purchasing the wrong compass.

If, however, you feel you want to take the chance with the boat dealer or trust your own judgement, I'd like to offer some guidelines that apply in general.

The first consideration should be given to the compass itself, and regardless of whether you expect top-notch performance or expect to save money, there is only one route to go—and that is to buy the best there is. In my opinion, which is based on experiences I have had with them Ritchie compasses outclass and out-perform any other compass on the U.S. market. Superb performance, longevity, model availability, styling, and excellent service



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The next step is to determine the size and model, and here is where—without intimate knowledge of the subject—things get slightly sticky. As a general rule, however, a four inch card such as in the Ritchie Navigator Series is needed for any kind of offshore work. A three-and-a-half inch card is okay for smaller boats which stay mainly inside. A five or six inch card compass should be considered for boats from the mid-thirty foot class and up, for making longer offshore trips and cruising.

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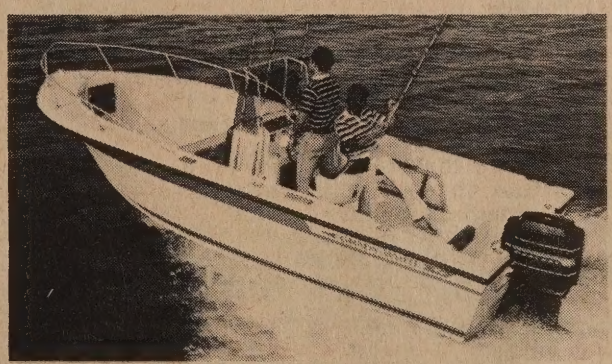

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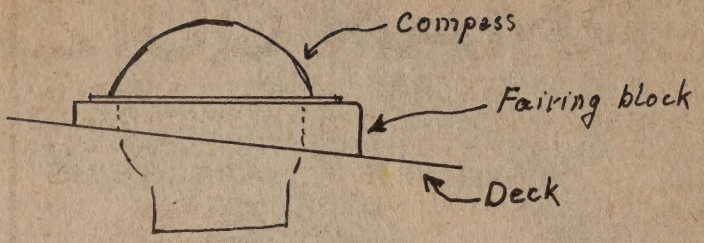

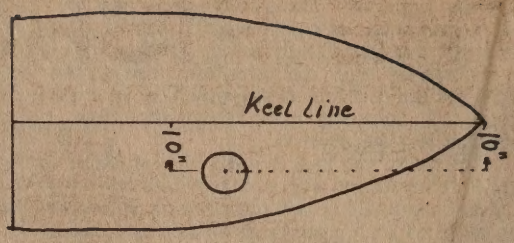

traditional binacle mount is always an excellent choice, if the layout of the boat permits such a compass and visibility presents no problem.

The least desirable mount is the bracket mount; but if there is no other choice due to the layout of the boat, the bracket should be as sturdy as possible—such as the solid bronze cast bracket of the BN-45 of Ritchie's Navigator Series—so that hull vibrations are not amplified and generate the familiar card gyrations at certain speeds and sea conditions to familiar to users of so many other compasses, including the Ritchie pilot bracket mounted compass.

Once the choice of compass has been made, installation is the next step, and anyone with a reasonable amount of skill can perform it. However, the things to watch for are that the compass is installed as nearly level as possible when the boat is trimmed on an even keel, and that a line through the center pivot and the lubber line is exactly parallel to the keel line of the boat. (See diagrams.)

Next, every effort should be made to keep an area around the compass in every direction for a minimum of eighteen inches, magnetically clean. Under **no** circumstances should you permit any kind of speaker—including VHF and CB—to be within that radius. Heavy speakers, such as Hailers, or stereo, may require a minimum distance of five feet. If possible, the compass should be twelve inches or more away from amp meters that show any kind of charge while under way, especially if the rate of charge varies due to fluctuations due to demand of electricity by the various equipment you have. It is also essential to examine the steering mechanism for magnetism. This may include the steering wheel itself, or the gear box—such as in the teleflex used on many boats, including Makos.

Ordinarily, a Mako would require a four inch FN-50 Navigator for best possible results, but due to the special circumstances that may quite possibly exist, a binacle compass will have to be used, which will require a few modifications to make it compatible with the speeds and behavior of the Mako or similar boats. It should go without saying that such modifications must be made by the factory, or an authorized repair facility to maintain the original warranty.

These represent some of the major obstacles, but by no means all.

Next in line is, of course, the all-important adjustment, and that in fact, would require another book to explain it adequately, plus the reader should have a complete knowledge of navigation—including celestial. For those of you readers who feel you should adjust your compass (and it should be adjusted for it to be any good), I would like to offer the following comments.

Running a course between two objects on a course established on the chart will give you a rough idea as to how much your compass is off on that particular heading. For you to adjust the compass, the boat must be brought accurately on Magnetic 000 180 090 270 and adjusted on those headings. Furthermore, it must be brought on 135 225 315 and 045° to see if there is any deviation on those headings. If any deviation is found on those headings, the deviation should be established for every 15 degrees all around, and the results recorded on a deviation table. If the windshield wiper has an effect on the compass when it is running, or the radar, two deviation tables must be made: one with the equipment on and another with it off. Again, without a complete knowledge of the subject, and the necessary instruments, the average boat owner is not likely to succeed in doing much more than come up with approximations.

Next week, we shall look at some more on adjustments; some erroneous assumptions, old wives' tales, hints on the care of your compass and a few miscellaneous things.

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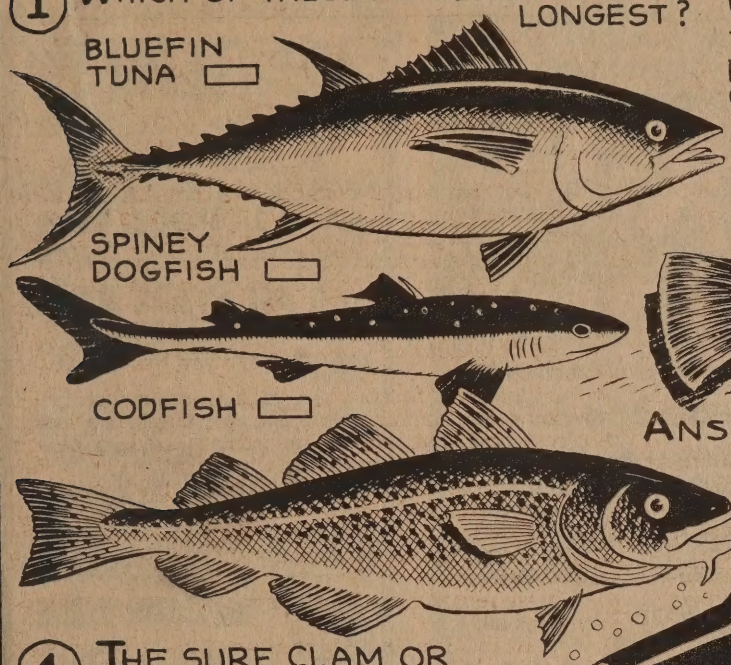
SPINEY DOGFISH ☐

CODFISH ☐



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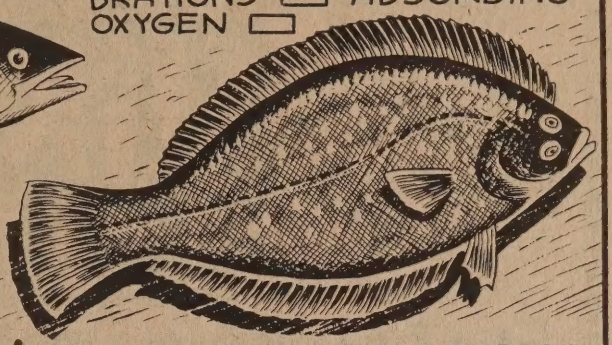

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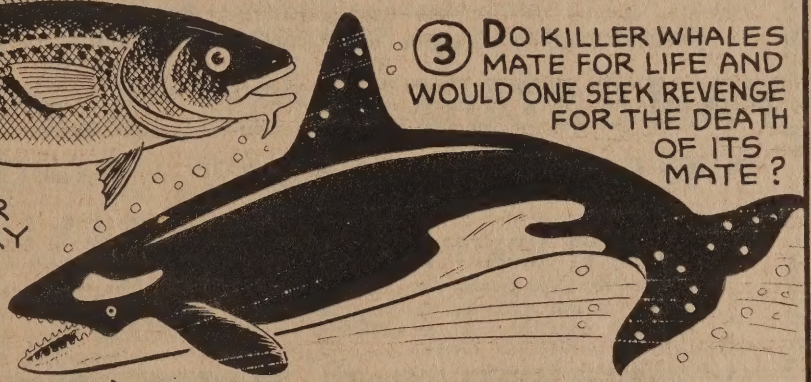
(3) DO KILLER WHALES MATE FOR LIFE AND WOULD ONE SEEK REVENGE FOR THE DEATH OF ITS MATE?



(4) THE SURF CLAM OR "SKIMMER" INDUSTRY BEGAN AS A FISH BAIT BUSINESS IN 1870 IN

NEW JERSEY ☐
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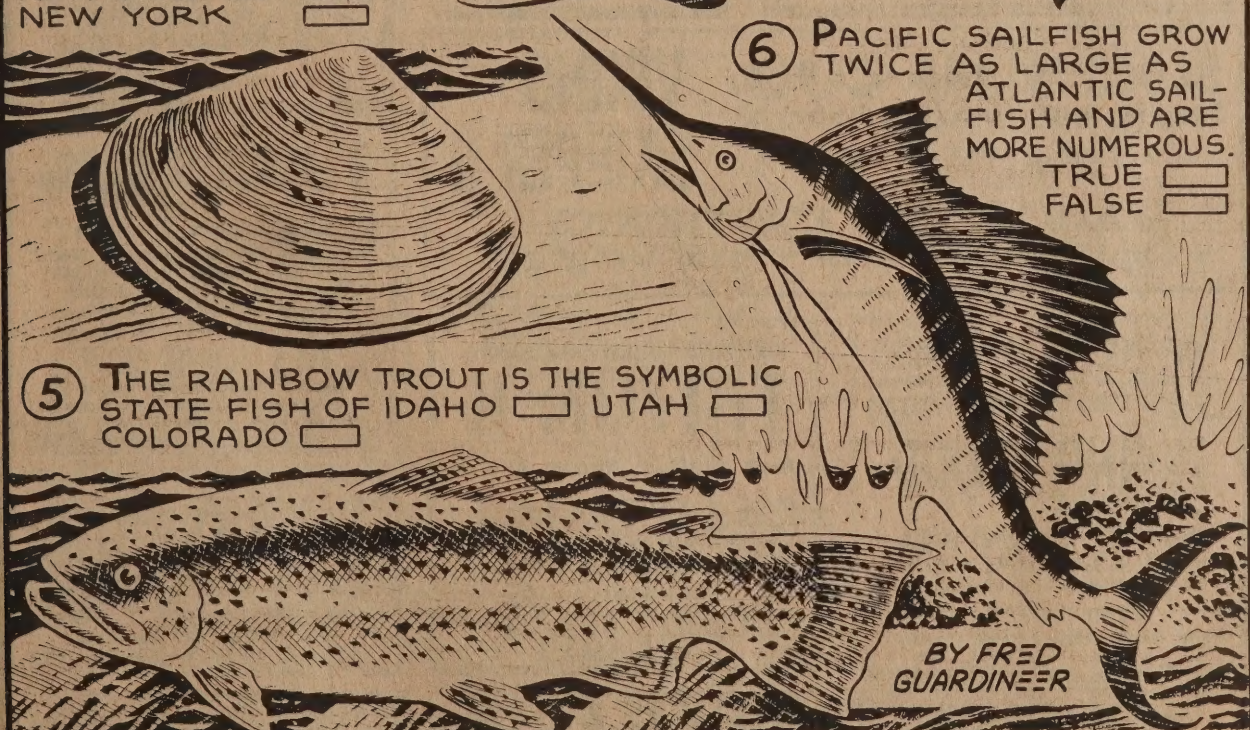
(6) PACIFIC SAILFISH GROW TWICE AS LARGE AS ATLANTIC SAILFISH AND ARE MORE NUMEROUS.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐



(5) THE RAINBOW TROUT IS THE SYMBOLIC STATE FISH OF IDAHO ☐ UTAH ☐ COLORADO ☐

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1 – SPINEY DOGFISH 30 YEARS. COFISH 23. B. F. TUNA 13. 2 – SENSING VIBRATIONS. 3 – THE DOMINANT MALE KILLER WHALE OR ORCA MATES WITH ALL THE FEMALES OF HIS HERD AS DO MOST PACK-FORMING ANIMALS. REVENGE, A HUMAN EMOTION, HAS NEVER BEEN DOCUMENTED FOR WHALES. 4 – NEW ENGLAND. 5 – UTAH. 6 – TRUE.

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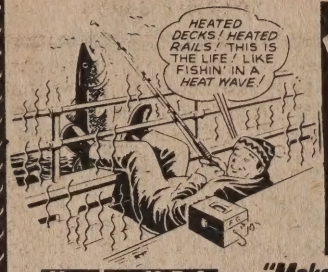

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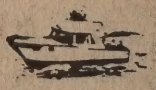

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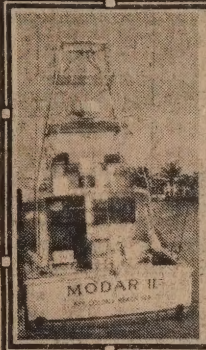

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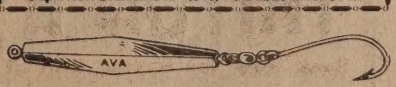

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Capt. John Sweetman of the charter boat **Ebb Tide** called to report that on Sunday his charter loaded up with cod in the 8 to 12 lb. class, with one fish going over 20. Fishing was in close to Block Island in only 32 feet of water. The jigs wouldn't work in these shallow depths even though cods bellies were full of sand eels, so all were taken on bait. John said that the highlight of the trip was the boat's first snowshoe flounder of the year that was really monstrous—just shy of six pounds.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fishing Fleet** said that although the Viking Starship did very good with the cod on Saturday off Block Island, the fishing was off on Sunday when the cod decided to move in close to the beach only three miles off of Block Island, which is a sign that the spring fishing is getting ready to really bust wide open. The first few big pollock were taken mixed with the cod and over the weekend, catches had the first showings of snowshoe flounder in the 3½ to 4 lb. range. The action lately has found bait producing best with diamond jigs right behind. Paul said that the new **Viking Starship** is now scheduling a few special multiple-day trips to Georges Bank. A three-day Georges Bank Safari for cod, pollock, hake, halibut, and tilefish leaves at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 15 and returns 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. The fare is $100 with a $50 deposit required and a strict limit of 48 passengers. A two-day Georges Bank Safari leaves on Tuesday, May 30 and returns Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. Fare is $80, $40 deposit required, 48 passenger limit. The captain said that

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Capt. Warren Hader of the charter boat **DEVILFISH** called to say that the newly painted sportfisherman is in the water and ready to go for the Block Island cod and pollock fishing this weekend. Big Warren said that it looks like the fishing south of the Island is ready to explode—cod in big numbers, snowshoe flounders, and the pollock due any day. The Devilfish is one of the few charter boats in the water, so give the captain a call if you're looking to get out this weekend.

Capt. Ron of the charter boat **Julie III** called to say that he will be putting his boat in the water for this weekend's fishing and that he is booking cod, pollock and flounder charters now and is all set for the '78 charter season.

Gone Fishin' Marina reports the big number is the flounder fishing in Montauk which has improved significantly. These fish are taking all the usual baits and they are big. Cartwright has been producing cod in good numbers, with Sunday being a strong day. This is on both jigs and bait.

the Viking Skipper II reports they have been having a good solid week of action on the cod, with Saturday and Sunday as good as it was six and seven years ago. Saturday saw 12 men average 18 cod per man. On Sunday, 22 men averaged 15 cod per man on jigs, tubes and bait. Fish were 5 to 8 lbs., with the pool fish in the 35 lb. range. 12-year-old Wayne Berkp hofer, Jr. of Montauk boated 35 cod by himself. The fish are in tight south of Block Island.

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The Captain Clark boats report very good flounder action Monday through Thursday with Tony Gren of Manhattan on Thursday's trip boating 37 keeper flounder fishing off South Jamesport. Friday and Saturday's action slowed with the high winds, but things picked up on Sunday very nicely, with Dave Dorf of Long Beach bagging 41 flatties, also off South Jamesport. Mussels worked best on the hook and it was heavy on the chum. Clark says that the fish are swimming around now, not staying so grouped up in one place.

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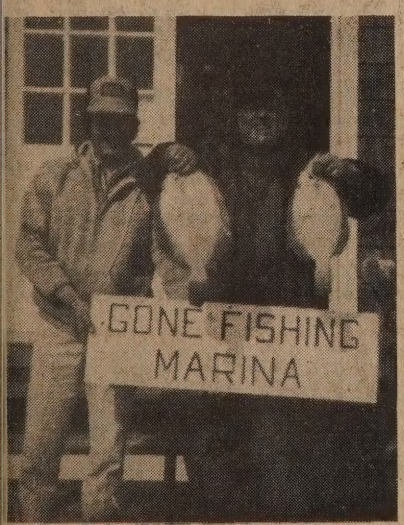
Corr's Fishing Station reports that though high winds and cold temperatures put the damper on things for most of the week, on Sunday his skiffs found fish more cooperative at Heddy Creek and Middle Pond, with the best catch being 20 big flounder. Look for greatly improved fishing once the wind stops blowing for a change and the water settles down.

Tony's Fishing Station called to say that on Thursday Lous Dellacagna and Pete Morgante of Eastchester, N.Y. had 102 keeper flounders and two tommycod taken at buoy 17, just past the sand bar. On Saturday, one



Dr. Robert Clyne, Skip Clyne, Richard Clyne and John Ciak with a nice mess of flounder taken aboard a dory rented from Gone Fishing Marina in Montauk. The two fish pictured weighed in excess of 3 lbs. apiece.

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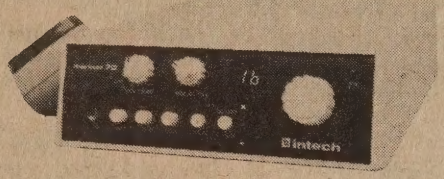

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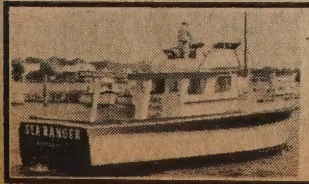

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Rod Gruler, Pat Schultz and Tom Ahern with 60 flounder up to 2 lbs., taken at buoy 4 and 5 in Quogue Bay. Bloodworms were the bait and heavy chumming with mussels was necessary. Photo courtesy of L&M Marine.

skiff had one-half bushel and the Ota family on Sunday also had a little over half a bushel. These catches were at Buoy 17. Baits were worms, clam and mussels with liberal chumming.

MORICHES BAY

Seatuck Cove Fishing Station called to say that fishing on Saturday was pretty good despite the strong winds, as was Sunday, but all boats managed to come back with fish. Good catches of flounder and a mess of tommycod of about 1½ lbs., were taken on sand worms with mussel chum, mainly east of the Westhampton Bridge.

Roy Trauber, Manager of Herman's in Queens Plaza with his catch of 137 flounder to 2 lbs., taken at buoy 48 on sand and bloodworms with plenty of mussel chum. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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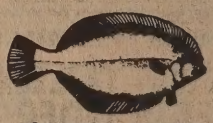

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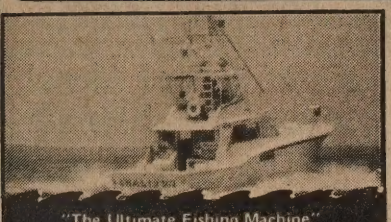

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Gary at **Stiriz Fishing Station** tells us that fishing was off due to the high winds most of the week, but things improved considerably on Sunday and action was hot west of the bridge at Buoys 13 and 14. Catches averaged 30 to 60 fish per boat, none smaller than 1½ lbs. Late morning and early afternoon seemed to be the best regardless of the tides. Two pounds, four ounces was the biggest flounder for the week that Gary weighed in. He reports big schools of sand eels moving in and some sea robins have been taken which means that fluke should be moving in right after them.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports flounder activity very good all week despite the winds. On Friday, in just two hours, Bob Flinner had over 50 and said that he was often taking three fish at a time. This was at Middle Grounds which is between the station and Barrett Beach, clams and heavy chumming did the job. Bob Gillette and two pals had over 200 flounder Saturday on worms and mussel chum fishing about 1½ miles south of Barrett Beach. Sunday saw 110 flounder for Bob Davidson of Sayville, fishing Middle Grounds. These were all good keeper fish from 1¼ to 2¼ lbs. A few weakfish in

Frank and Sean Colgan from Lindenhurst with a 2 lb. 9 oz. flounder which was the largest of 20 fish they caught aboard the open boat "Casey Lee" out of Bayshore.

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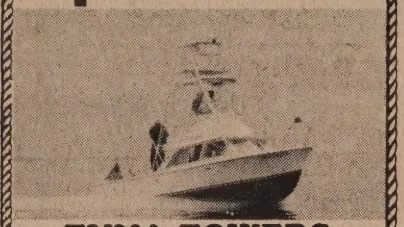

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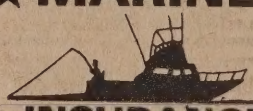

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WEST SAYVILLE

Jim at **South Bay Fishing Station** tells us that commercial fishermen have picked up a few weakfish in their nets. This would be indicative that weakfish will be with us shortly. Some sea robins have been grabbing baits which is a prelude to fluke, so here we go again. Flounder fishing has been good this past week to the tune of 20 to 30 fish per person when the winds allowed. Tony Cannini of Sayville took 30 good sized flounders from 1 to 2 lbs. on worms and mussel chum. Fish also responded to red-dyed skimmers. Buoys 4 and 5, Heckscher worked best. One angler had his reel stripped by an unidentified swimming object.

BAY SHORE

Capt. Walter of the **Casey Lee** reports very good flounder fishing all week, with the exception of Wednesday and Friday after 11 AM, when the wind blew to 50 miles per hour. The weekend saw a total catch on the boat of 900 plus flounders. Saturday was the better day of the two.

Smokey's Bait and Tackle tells us flounders remained good until Friday and at that point, the strong winds kicked the fishing somewhat in the pants. Earlier in the week, the Heckscher Flats, behind Good Sam, East Islip's Buoy 2 and Bayshore's Buoy 1 saw 50 to 70 fish per private boat during the week on mussels, worms and mussel chum. Both Saturday and Sunday were picky due to the high winds. Rumor of one weakfish taken by a clammer on a worm. Carl has also heard of a few mackerel being taken far off the beach.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** called to say that the phenomenal spring run of flounder was still going strong all week and there's no end in sight. Everyday there are anglers aboard with between 30 and 40 fish and most aboard averaged between 15 and 20 fish. The flounder

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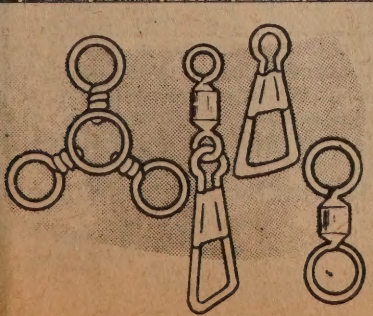

Donald Thompson of West Hempstead caught these nice sized flounder fishing the Heckscher Flats aboard the "Jib VI" out of Captree.

are mixed sizes, with the pool usually around 2 lbs. The fishing is good all over from Heckscher down to Patchogue. Clam baits seem to be producing best on any moving tide.

The Captain Richie also reported very good flounder fishing in the flats off Heckscher. Except for the windy days when the fishing has been down and the fish are smaller. Action has been a steady pick through both

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Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** called to tell us that the boat is now back in the water and sailing. The boat has been in the Minneford Shipyard in City Island having a third engine put in the boat, which increased its cruising speed to 20 knots. The shipyard is famous for having built the last seven America Cup boats. On Saturday and Sunday, the Speedy VI found excellent flounder fishing with anglers taking 20 to 25 BIG flounder on clams, mussels and worms. Captain said that the newly powered boat made the trip to Patchogue to the dock in only 48 minutes.

Capt. Neil of the **Lady Ann** called to tell us that Saturday's flounder fishing was off due to the strong winds, but they still managed to catch 133 flatties. Sunday's charter took over 300 flounder fishing from Sailor's Haven to Patchogue. Clams work best on any moving water.

The Captree Queen reports that Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were affected by the high winds, but fares on those days still averaged 6 to 10 fish per person, which still wasn't too bad, but has been better. Capt. Gordon is fishing from Heckscher to Cherry Grove and East Channel and says there are more smaller fish mixed in now, though still a lot of good sized fish. Sunday's fishing

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The Case for GRAPH RECORDERS

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are limited. And don't overlook the potential bargains in used machines, which go on the market as other fishermen look to upgrade the machines they have. Check for used machines at your local marine electronics dealer or in The Fisherman's classified section. As mentioned, I don't see the need for a dual flasher/graph, but the power output of a machine is a factor to be considered. The more output, the better the input. Don't be overly impressed with the maximum range of a machine, either. Manufacturer statements like, "Our spiffy new R2D2 graph recorder can mark fish at 3,000 feet" may be great for anyone who does most of his fishing in the Marianna Trench, but it is meaningless to the inshore bottom fisherman who does most of his fishing in less than a hundred feet of water. Kind of like buying a car that can do 250 mph when the speed limit is 55 mph—if you know what I mean.

One good feature you can look for is a variable paper speed, which has two advantages: better control over the quality of the print-out for one, and you can save a considerable amount of money in the process. Another excellent capability to look for in a graph recorder is a "bottom anywhere" feature, which allows you to determine where the bottom will appear on the recorder. By printing near the bottom of the paper it is easy to rewind the roll and use it again, a big economical advantage over machines that don't have this feature. The bottom anywhere feature also eliminates the problems encountered when you are fishing in a depth that is on the borderline of two ranges which don't overlap.

One final word on transducers: I strongly recommend a "through-the-hull" type over the outboard mount on the stern. This keeps the transducer away from any electrical interference of the engine and turbulence that can effect the quality of your print-outs. A through-hull mount doesn't necessarily mean that the transducer goes physically through the hull, either; the transducer can be mounted in the bilge in a fluid, and the signal is actually shot **through** the hull. (The recordings made on these pages were all made with a transducer mounted like this.) But I do strongly recommend that you seek the advice of an expert at your local marine electronics shop as to what type of mount is best suited for your boat, machine and needs.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR	5:29	5:58	6:20	6:41	6:11	6:35	7:03	7:25	8:58	9:16	8:49	9:10	5:29	5:48	4/20
FRI	6:15	6:40	7:02	7:22	6:54	7:13	7:48	8:03	9:40	9:56	9:36	9:54	6:12	6:33	4/21
SAT	6:59	7:22	7:45	8:04	7:36	7:53	8:30	8:45	10:20	10:34	10:21	10:36	6:57	7:16	4/22
SUN	7:43	8:05	8:27	8:46	8:18	8:34	9:14	9:28	11:02	11:19	11:05	11:21	7:41	8:02	4/23
MON	8:27	8:50	9:11	9:30	9:02	9:20	9:59	10:13	11:47	—	11:51	—	8:27	8:48	4/24
TUE	9:15	9:39	9:58	10:20	9:55	10:11	10:49	11:02	12:04	12:34	12:07	12:41	9:16	9:35	4/25
WED	10:08	10:34	10:47	11:10	10:53	11:11	11:41	11:55	12:52	1:24	12:57	1:31	10:07	10:28	4/26
THUR	11:06	11:30	11:42	—	11:53	—	—	12:39	1:43	2:20	1:50	2:29	11:02	11:26	4/27

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES!

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

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Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
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On NEWPORT

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Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

4/1	5:43	6:25
4/6	5:35	6:31
4/11	5:27	6:36
4/16	5:19	6:42
4/21	5:11	6:48
4/26	5:03	6:53

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
4/7	4/15	4/23	4/29

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	**Major**	Minor	**Major**
Thurs.	1:55	**8:30**	2:25	**8:55**
Fri.	2:40	**9:15**	3:10	**9:40**
Sat.	3:25	**10:00**	3:55	**10:25**
Sun.	4:10	**10:50**	4:40	**11:15**
Mon.	5:00	**11:45**	5:30	—
Tues.	5:55	**12:20**	6:30	**12:45**
Wed.	7:00	**1:20**	7:30	**1:50**
Thurs.	8:05	**2:25**	8:35	**2:55**

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improved considerably and the fish were more concentrated. Clams and worms are working best on either running tide. The water is warming up as crabs, sand eels and shrimp are in strong evidence. Saturday a few fares had 12 to 18 fish. Flounder action should shoot up strongly again once the winds die down a little.

Capt. Richie Abrams of the **Yankee I** charter boat called to say that Sunday's trip was very productive with roughly 500 flounder for 40 passengers. The **Yankee II** with Capt. Bob Patafio nailed roughly 300 flounder for a 30 man charter. The flounder is holding up very well off Cherry Grove, reports Rich and they are hitting mainly on clam baits, but also on worm, but you must stir up the bottom. They are hitting on any moving water.

Charter boat **Captain Eddie B** reports continued good flounder fishing over the weekend despite the wind, between buoy 2 and Blue Point Oyster lots. Fish are averaging 3/4-2 lbs., with clam baits best followed by worms and a stirred up bottom. The morning hours have been best.

The Capt. Joseph II fished the area between buoy 2 and the Blue Point Oyster Lots over the weekend and accounted for 700 flounder Saturday and approximately 800 on Sunday, with clam and worm in the morning hours.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait and Tackle reminds us that it has been a windy week—of which we did not need reminding, but this did not stop Art Orlandy and his pal Dick from bagging 35 flounder up to 1 lb. 12 oz., at West Fire Island on Sunday on worm, mussel and clam. Sunday also saw Harry Kircher, Frank Losasso, and Frank Hardej of Lindenhurst remove 45 keeper flounder from the water up to 1 lb. 13 oz., from the Heckscher Flats, same baits. Any moving tide seems to produce. On Saturday, Capt. John Bilitsky of the charter boat **Sea Ranger** stayed out extra late Saturday afternoon to get fish for his charter since the day had been very picky due to the high winds. Sure enough, in the late afternoon hours with the sun going down over the yardarm, his fares took roughly five fish each. This is an example of a captain who puts his heart into getting fish for his customers. Some cod taken offshore for BTC Boats making the effort, approximately 18 fish for the weekend. Unfortunately, no details on the catch. No mackerel report yet.

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** had several boats out on Sunday, with one boat bringing back 20 good sized flounder and the other boat 18 and 15 respectively. This was all off Good Sam on mussels and worm and chum. The clammers are still catching flounders on hook and line, so keep that bottom stirred.

Babylon Fishing Station reports good flounder fishing all week, for his skiffs to the tune of 20 to 30 per boat. Best area has been at the Captree Bridge on the south side, 6 and 7 pillars south of the main span on both sides. Bloodworms and clam on the hook and churn up the bottom. There's 4-5 feet of water here. On Saturday, John Suss took 58 keeers up to 2 lbs. fishing the Heckscher Flats. Some cod offshore, but no details.

SOUTH SHORE BAYS
★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

LINDENHURST

The Sea Horse reports that on Saturday some steady flounder fishing was found off Good Sam through the west channel in Bayshore. Catches averaged 10 to 15 fish per person taken on clam and worms. The fish averaged 1 to 1½ lbs., with some 2 pounders mixed in. On Sunday, the fishing was a bit slower and catches ranged from 5 to 15 fish per person.

Charlie's Bait and Tackle reports flounders are being caught all over the place and they are big. Saturday and Sunday good catches were made just off the Lindenhurst launching ramp at the end of Venetian Blvd. Worm or mussel on the hook and also clam. John says this is a nice area to fish. Flounder fishing has been very good with most fish being keepers at the Copiague Hole, Fox Creek, Babylon Cut, Oak Beach, and the Wellwood Avenue dock and off Good Sam on all tides. Mackerel about two weeks away from local shores. A 3 lb. weakfish was taken on hook and line by a clammer with a flounder bait over the side. This must have been a scout.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait and Tackle reports very good flounder fishing all over the local area. Best producers have been Squaw Island, Amityville and Babylon Cuts and the Captree Bridge. One customer brought in a 17 inch flounder. Most fish are from 1 to 2 lbs., 20 to 60 fish per angler, all baits, any moving tide, heavy on the chum.

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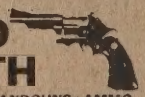

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Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station tells us that Thursday and Friday saw very good catches by his skiffs despite Friday's strong winds. Three boats in particularl had good catches. Sunday afternoon when things calmed down, the fish were hitting better also. Best areas were Massapequa Cove and all along the shore line from Seaford Creek to Fort Neck. Clams, worms and mussels on the hook and heavy chumming were the ticket. The Four Corners area was down a bit last week due to the winds, but now it is picking up on the ebb. The flounder have been full of tiny sand shrimp stirred up by the winds.

Shore Isle Marina tells us that Don Steele of Seaford took 42 good flounder fishing between Wantagh Park and Merrick on Sunday. Fishing the ebb with bloodworms and a lot of mussel chum. Jim Miller of Seaford on Wednesday took 2 dozen flounder at Squaw Island with worms and mussels. Bad winds in general put the fishing down for the week.

MERRICK

Merrick Marine Supplies in Bellmore reports plenty of flounders being caught in Merrick Bay, Merrick Point, Rowboat Alley, Ned's Creek and Broad Creek. Any moving tide produces fish on worms, mussels and clams, heavy on the chum. Roy and Scott of Merrick Marine Supplies are up for the good buddy award for helping an unlucky angler remove his boat from the Merrick clam flats on Saturday night's high tide. The boat had been stranded there earlier that day.

Nick's Fishing Station tells of the first fluke brought in by one of his rental skiffs along with a catch of 52 flounder, taken right off the third pole off of his dock. The anglers were Steven Figoeras of South Ozone Park and Tom Papa of Jersey, on Sunday. Jimmy says Saturday and Sunday saw good fishing at Merrick Point, the third pole for fish from 3/4 to 1¾ lbs. Thursday and Friday were very good also, with private boats and his rental skiffs bringing back the goods. Jimmy reminds you that it is very important that you chum heavily with mussels or corn.

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Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** reports that on Saturday he fished the Manasquan Ridge where the first sign of Spring Boston mackerel was found. Catches of 50 to 60 fish per person were taken and some fishermen filled 3/4 of a bag. On Sunday, mackerel fishing was slow in the morning, so the boat loaded up with whiting up to 3 lbs. fishing north of the BA buoy. Mixed in with the catch were a few nice sized ling and mackerel.

The Capt. Al reports good flounder fishing at Squaw Island over the weekend. On Saturday, Harry Stamaners was high hook with 29 keepers. On Sunday, average catches ranged from 15 to 25 keeper sized flounder.

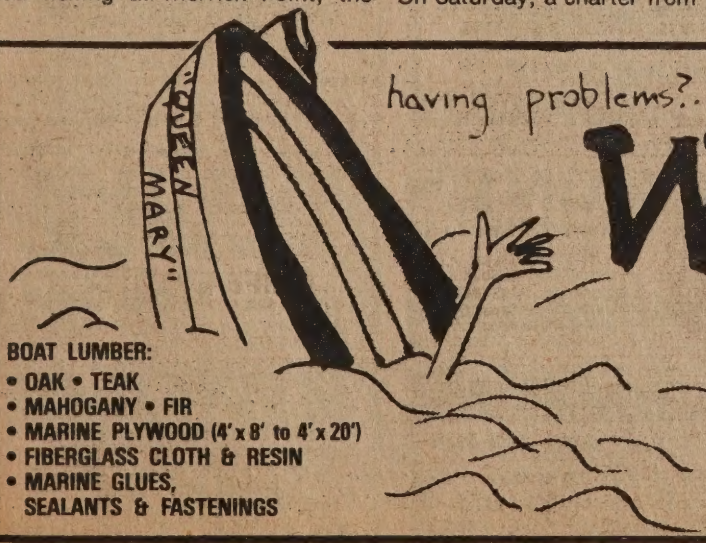
Capt. Hall reports good flounder fishing over the past week. On Thursday high hook took 37 nice flounder and his brother had 28 fish. On Friday, 17 flounder was high hook. One fisherman has been coming in on Saturdays and two out of the three Saturdays his catch has been in the 40's. The fishing is being done in the local back creeks, Squaw Island and in Reynolds Channel, depending on weather and tides.

The Bluefin II reports good flounder fishing on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, a charter from Cappy's Bar, headed by Pete, fished the cuts off Reynolds Channel and catches up to 12 fish per person were taken. These fish ran up to 1¼ lbs. On Sunday, the boat fished Reynolds Channel and a catch equal to Saturday's was taken. Skimmers seemed to take the bigger fish but the worms had more action. On Sunday, the **Bluefin** fished the Reynolds area and fish up to 1¼ lbs. were taken on skimmer clams. A dyed skimmer took the pool fish.

Anthony's Fishing Station talks of the continuing good flounder catches by his skiffs. Buddies Gruber and Coons bagged 70 flatties up to 2¼ lbs. on Saturday, fishing the Fundy Bridge area with worm and clam on the hook and mussel chum. His skiffs are bringing back anywhere from 1o to 10 fish per boat, with numbers in the thirties and forties not uncommon for anyone who knows what their doing.

Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle tells us that the two flounders in their saltwater tank at feeding time show a 2 to 1 preference for sand worm over bloods. Some stray mackerel have been picked up southwest of the inlet off Atlantic Beach and the main body should be here in about a week. The flounders are still strong in Baldwin Bay, High Flats Drain, Swift Creek and Long Creek, on worms, mussels and clam, with chumming a necessity. Jackie and Bob request that if you catch any small local species, to bring it in for their 55-gallon saltwater tank. (Except flounder.)

The Freeport Boatmen's Association tells us that on Saturday the **Nite Owl II** had a charter from Con Edison out and Capt. Jimmy put 250 to 300 flounder over the rail. High hook was 20 fish and this was in the Merrick backwaters. The **Corsair** with an 8 man charter decked 55 flounder in the Reynolds Channel area, high hook 12 fish. The Atlantic had 200 flounder for 20 men fishing Garrett's Lead and east of pole 19. That was all on Saturday. On Sunday, Capt. Walter on the **Acme II** provided his charter



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BALDWIN

Arthur Street Marina reports that on Saturday, Frank Buscariano and daughter Maria, Joe Mauriana and son, Sergio, took 85 flounder fishing Middle Bay with worms and mussel chum on the incoming. Sunday was good also with Andy's skiffs fishing Middle Bay, Scow Creek, Cinder Creek and Baldwin Bay on incoming.

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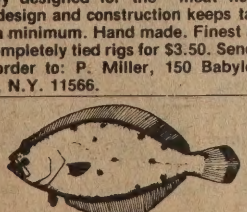

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wind. Three-quarters of the boats that went out returned with at least a bucket full of fish. The fishing is good in Reynolds Channel, Middle Bay, North Channel and Cedar Creek. These fish are averaging 3/4 to 1 lb. and are taking worms, mussels and skimmers. Stirring up the bottom along with some mussel chum if available, will increase your catches. The fish are hitting best three hours on either side of the high tide.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Henning's Fishing Station reports good flounder fishing on Saturday in Reynolds Channel. Flatties up to 1 lb. 9 oz. are taking mussels and bloodworms. A few stray mackerel have been taken while fishing the BA buoy.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The New Zephyr reports that flounder are being taken at the end of the Rockaway jetty and in the mussel beds on the west side of the jetty. Good fishing was had from Thursday to Sunday of this past week. Most fish averaged 1 lb. and better and on Sunday, the pool fish ran up to 3½ lbs.

The Blue Sea III reports excellent whiting fishing at the BA buoy area. The fish are running from 1/2 to 4 lbs., and some big ling have been mixed in along with some mackerel. Catches ran from a 5 gal. bucket to 3/4 of a bag per fisherman. Pool fish have been running from 4 to 4½ lbs. everyday.

The **New Elsie K III** reports big flounder being taken west of the Rockaway jetty. Most fish averaged over 1 lb., with the pool tipping the scales at over 2 lbs. High hook on Thursday took 25 flounder, but most catches averaged 10 to 15 fish. Worms and mussels were used for bait with the sand worms doing the better job.

The Atomic II reports that whiting fishing has been fair to good at the BA buoy. Catches ran from 10 to 30 fish per person, with mackerel mixed in with the catch. The whiting ran up to 3 lbs. and the mackerel to 2 lbs.

Charter boat **Babe** called to tell us that Saturday's charter of Phil, Ann, Roger, and Louis, all of Larchmont, braved the rough water and managed to bag 50 good flounder. Sunday's charter of Allen Goldberg and company had 96 good flounder. This was in the area of the jetty, Manhattan Beach and a few other local drops, with worm and mussels on the hook and light chumming, to keep the crabs away.

Stella Maris reports plenty of flounder being caught in the area of the jetty and at Manhattan Beach on worms, clam and mussels. Fish are running from 3/4 to 2 lbs. Some mackerel being taken by the Sheepshead fleet.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports good flounder fishing on the Harbor side of Great Kills Park. The fish are averaging ½ to 3/4 lbs., and catches average 6 to 12 fish with some bigger catches coming in. The beach side of Great Kills Park is producing larger flounder from 3/4 to 1½ lbs., and a slow pick of school stripers from 3 to 4 lbs., can also be found here. Flounder averaging ½ to 3/4 lbs. can be found in Princess Bay behind the trademark. Pier 8 in Stapleton is producing flounder and small stripers. Worm bait is producing the fish in most of these areas.

NORTH FORK
★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

GREENPORT

The Wilheric II reports that on Friday, Joe Hayes took 25 nice sized flounder, one of which was a 2½ lb. pool winning fish. The fishing was done along Cedar Beach and in the Sag Harbor area.

A. P. White Bait Shop reports that the bay is full of mackerel and the netters are loading up with them. The bay is also full of sand eels. Flounder fishing has been good to excellent at the Oyster Shop inside Long Beach, Cedar Beach and Sag Harbor. Sand worms are doing the best and fish up to 2½ lbs. are being taken with very few throwbacks.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports that flounder fishing is improving on the inside of Long Beach east of the abandoned lighthouse. Walter Mackelburg and Joe DeCesari of the Bronx took 49 flatties up to 2½ lbs., from this area. Flounder fishing is picking up at the Oyster Factory and boats are coming in with 30 to 40 big flounder from this area. Edward and Bud Green took 62 flounder fishing west of Little Creek on the South Ferry side on Sunday. These fish ran up to 2 lbs., and were taken on worms, mussels and clams. Lots of flounder up to 2 lbs. can be taken on mussels and worms in Town Creek and Goose Creek.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports that on Sunday, Dominic DeRanieri, Anthony Perczile and Teri, Jr., took 35 flounder up to 2½ lbs., fishing off Nassau Point with mussels. Ray Seagren and party had

Clif Brown from Manhattan caught 15 flounder up to 1½ lbs. fishing in the South Race. The fish took mussel and worm bait. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

96 flounder fishing the South Race. The fish ran up to 2¼ lbs. and took sand worms and mussel bait. Average catches in the area are 35 fish per boat and the flounder are averaging 1½ lbs. Chumming in the area is a must.

NOYAC

Noyac Marina reports that on Sunday Bill Failes, Jr. and Sr., of Bellrose along with Vinnie and Frank of Glen Head got roughly 20 good sized flounder up to 2 lbs. This was with bloodworms at Jessup's Neck. Fred Barreto and party of Levittown got 12 fish up to 2¼ lbs. off the Monastery. This was on worm and clam and mussel chum.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★ FLOUNDER

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Tackle Center reports lots of flounder being taken in most areas in the Sound. These fish are running to 2½ lbs. and are taking worms and mussels. The bay is producing nice catches of 50 to 60 flounder weighing 3/4 to 1¼ lbs., and the same baits are being used here.

ROCKY POINT

Rocky Point Fishing Station reports flounder fishing was slow over the weekend because of the weather. Fish up to 2 lbs. are being taken off the beaches, but this fishing has not been steady. Flounder up to 3 lbs. are being found off Mt. Misery Shoals where 10 to 40 fish per person are being taken on sand worms and clams. Chumming helps the catch.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station reports flounder up to 1½ lbs., being taken inside the Harbor. Catches are averaging 10 to 15 fish per person. When the weather allows, flounder averaging 2 lbs. can be found at Mt. Misery Shoals. Sand worms and mussels are the most effective bait.

PORT JEFFERSON

The Betty W reports flounder fishing has been good to excellent. On Thursday, Bob Bannon of Port Jeff had 27 flounders plus the pool with a 2½ lb. fish. Fares are averaging 15 per man. Saturday's high winds did not put the fishing down and a 2 pounder took the pool for Sid Green.

The Port Jeff Ace fished flounder on Sunday working Smithtown Bay, averaged 10 to 15 fish per man on the ebb, with mussels on the hook and lots of mussel chum. Capt. Joe Cash asked us to tell you that he is sailing daily 8 PM—so come on down.

Caraftis Fishing Station reports flounder being taken in all inlets and bays. These fish are ranging from 3/4 to 2 lbs., and best fishing has been on the outgoing tide. Mt. Misery Shoals and Smithtown Bay are producing 1¼ to 2½ lb. flounder on worms and fresh mussels. Chumming is important for a bigger catch.

KINGS PARK

Bob at **Mae's Way Fishing Station** reports truly great flounder fishing in the open Sound. On Thursday, Dave Spindell and two friends had 48 flounder up to 1¾ lbs. fishing off Callahan's, using sand worms for bait and mussel chum. On the same day in the same place, Bill Stritzo and Phil Costa had 36 flounder up to 1½ lbs. On Sunday, Sal and Sophie Bruno and son Paul, caught 60 flounder to 2 lbs., in the Mansion area. They also used sand worms and mussel chum. Youngsters John Kolliner and Joey Lorch took 20 fish to 2 lbs., Sunday afternoon at the Mansion.

NORTHPORT

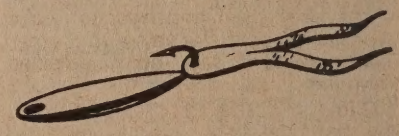
Bowman's Sporting Goods reports that flounder can be found anywhere in the bay and harbor from 1 to 2 lbs. Those who chum are increasing their catches. Hotspots are south of Duck Island between the Buoy and the shore line and in the channel off Scudder Beach. Schoolie bass with an occasional 10 to 12 pounder can be found from the hot water outflow at Lilco to Crabmeadow Beach. Two hours before high tide has the most activity and fishermen are using worms and plugging with Rebels.

HUNTINGTON

Four Winds Tackle reports that flounder fishing is strong in the area with Duck Island giving the best results. Nice catches have also come in from Ashroken and Centerport. These fish are ranging from ½ to 1¼ lbs. Marshall Field and Sunken Meadow are producing 1 to 2 lb. flounder with catches averaging 6 to 15 fish per boat. This is just the start of the action on the outside. Striper activity is slow at Lilco because the fish are starting to spread out. The fish are ranging anywhere from the Lilco plant to Crabmeadow Beach.

Huntington Fishing Station reports that flounder are all over Huntington Harbor, Lloyd Harbor and Huntington Bay. These fish are averaging one pound and are taking sand worm bait and mussel chumming helps. There are a lot of throwbacks mixed in. Eli Pepper fished Lloyd Harbor about ½ mile from the old lighthouse with a dozen sand worms on Saturday and returned with 28 flounder averaging 1¼ lbs. He returned on Sunday to repeat his performance.

The Ever Ready called to say that on Saturday, Wally Zapata of Huntington Station was high hook with 16 flounder and was also pool winner with a 1¾ lb. fish. On Sunday, John Wilson of Huntington took the pool with another 1½ pounder. Art Schweithelm was high hook with 20 fish and was pool runner-up. Action had slowed down over the weekend because of the high winds, but even then fares did fairly well.



Jackie Murray shows off her first flounder of the year, caught on a sand worm at the Nissequogue River. Photo courtesy of Mae's Way Fishing Station.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★ FLOUNDER

BAYVILLE

Norm's Bait and Tackle reports that flounder from 1 to 1¼ lbs., are being taken in Oyster Bay, in the Harbor and at the Bayville Bridge. Flounder fishing is improving on the outside in such areas as Lloyd's Neck and the Center Island Reef. These fish are taking worms and mussel chum and are averaging 3/4 to 1 lb.

CITY ISLAND

John's Gun and Tackle reports that flounder fishing is good all around the area. Sands Point and Hempstead Harbor are good spots to try for flounder from ½ to 1½ lbs. These fish are hitting sand worms, bloodworms and mussels. Chumming is important. Schoolie bass are being taken on the Bronx side of the Hudson on bloodworms. These fish are ranging from shorts to 4 lbs., with an occasional bigger fish thrown in.

Jack's Bait and Tackle reports good flounder fishing at Orchard Beach, Robins Neck and Hart's Island. The flatties are running up to 1 lb. and taking sand worms.

The North Star and **Apache** fished the Northport area and were rewarded with lots of nice sized flounder.

Capt. Joe of the **Ebb Tide**, called to say that his boat, along with the **Apache** and the **North Star** are doing very well fishing the Long Island Sound during the week and weekend. Lloyd's Neck, Huntington Bay and Oyster Bay were producing best on worms, clams and mussels. Pool fish have been averaging 2 to 2½ lbs.

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